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CHINA NOW LOOKS TO GENERALISSIMO TO STOP SILVER SMUGGLING

DUTCH PLANE VICTIMS BURIED AT BAGHDAD

British Ambassador At Funeral
SINGLE LONG GRAVE

Baghdad, To-day.
The victims of the Douglas plane crash were yesterday buried in the British cemetery here in the presence of the British Ambassador, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, the Diplomatic Corps and the leading members of the British community.
The coffins were carried by British airmen to a single long grave, which was afterwards covered with a mass of flowers and wreaths.
The service was conducted by an American clergyman who is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. — Reuter.

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Dutch Company's Request
BODIES TO BE SENT TO HOLLAND LATER
The Hague, to-day.
The Royal Dutch Airlines have requested the Baghdad authorities to arrange that the bodies of the Douglas crash victims be transported to Holland later for re-burial. — Reuter.

SAAR PLEBISCITE ENTHUSIASM

350 German Voters From Overseas
ACCORDED UPROARIOUS WELCOME

Saarbrücken, To-day.
A striking contrast to the reception of the foreign troops was the uproarious welcome given to 350 Saarlanders from North and South America whose fares and expenses were paid in return for their promise to vote for Germany on January 31.
As they emerged from the station a great cheer arose, arms were raised in the Nazi salute, and the crowd sang the Horst-wessel song, but no flags were flown, in accordance with the decree. — Reuter.

SEAMEW STILL AGROUND

Attempt To Pull Her Off This Afternoon

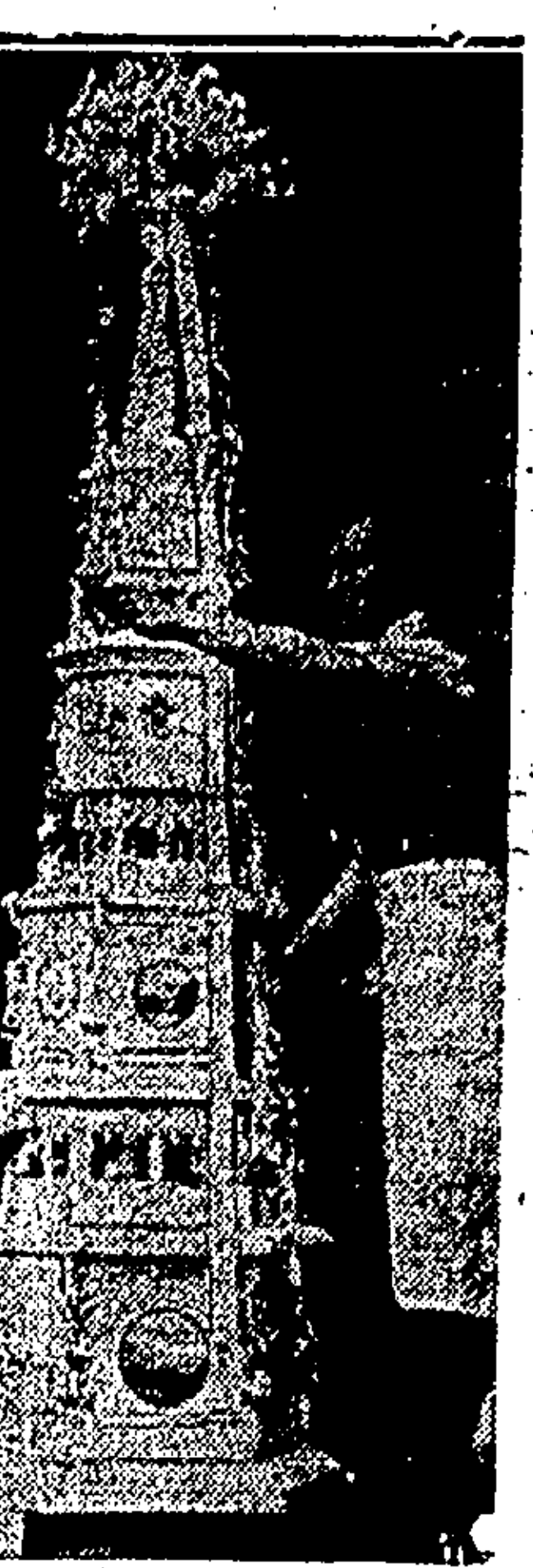
H.M.S. Seamew, River Gunboat which ran aground on Saturday morning in the West River, is reported to be still on the rocks, while temporary repairs are being effected on the spot by a salvage lighter and the Admiralty tug Alliance.
It is probably that an attempt will be made to pull her off this afternoon or to-morrow.

JAPANESE LIGHT CRUISER ARRIVES IN PORT

The Japanese light Cruiser Tatsuta arrived in the Colony this morning from Formosa and fired a salute of 17 guns in honour of the Commander-in-Chief. H.M.S. Suffolk returned the salute.
H. R. McGleghrist, the Club's left-wing three-quarter who played an outstanding game against the Navy in the Triangular Rugby Tournament game on Saturday last, received minor injuries to the head which necessitated two stitches.



It was only a few years ago that the ancestors of these two men arrived in America as Italian immigrants. And to-day Mayor Rossi, of San Francisco, and Mayor LaGuardia, of New York, confer in Chicago on the problems confronting them as chief executives of two America's largest cities.



A London confectioner puts the finishing touches to the towering wedding cake which Princess Marina of Greece cut after becoming the bride H.R.H. Prince George, the Duke of Kent. The cake was six feet high.

COMEDY IN CANTON

GUN FIRED TOO SOON

CLOCK WATCHED BY CIVIL SERVANTS

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, Saturday.
Hurriedly snatching their hats and coats, Government workers left their office the other day almost as if the building were on fire. A high official was surprised at the sudden exodus and glanced at his own watch which indicated that it was only 11.40 a.m.
The official calmly reflected that a few seconds ago he heard a gun fire. Was it a military uprising or some serious trouble? Seeing that his office was almost deserted and that his sedan had arrived, the head of the Government Bureau likewise got into his hat and coat, and, grasping his brief-case, made a dash for his waiting car. (Continued on Page 9.)

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy weather, with drizzle or mist, and fresh north-east winds was the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

HARASSED TEACHERS NOW NO BETTER OFF

CANTON PETITION RESULT
Salary Arrears Compromise

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, Saturday.
Municipal school teachers who last night as free guests in the palatial auditorium of the Canton Municipal Government in an effort to secure payment of four months' arrears of salary were told to-day they would receive two months' salary, to be paid to them before the end of the Chinese New Year.
The school teachers considered this reply as unsatisfactory, as the Chinese New Year is still 45 days away. By that time, they say, the salaries will be six months in arrears. Furthermore the teachers argue that they are incurring debts in the meantime and explained that nothing short of full payment would satisfy their creditors, landlords, rice sellers, etc.
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DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR

Paramount Question For Congress

INFLATION NOW AMOUNTS TO \$2,000,000,000

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL, Washington, To-day.
Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, in a statement to the United Press said that further devaluation was the paramount issue at the forthcoming meeting of Congress.
The Administration's counter-attack, however, was developing with the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank believed to be drafting legislation to consolidate the political control over the Federal (Continued on Page 12)

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

Silver Prices Improve

The local dollar has advanced 1/4, opening on demand this morning at 1/8 1-4.
Spot and forward silver prices have improved 1/16, closing yesterday at 23 1/2 and 24, respectively.
The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S. \$4.94% as compared with \$-U.S. \$4.93%.
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H. H. KUNG PERTURBED

URGE FOR HEAVIER PENALTIES

Rewards For Seizures Advocated

NEW CAMPAIGN

Nanking, To-day.

A vigorous campaign against the smuggling of silver from China is advocated by Dr. H. H. Kung, Chinese Minister of Finance, in a telegram sent to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in which the finance Minister asked that all military and police forces in China be ordered to assist the Customs in the prevention of smuggling.
He urged that smugglers be fined twice the value of the metal they attempted to smuggle and rewards of from 40 to 60 per cent of the value of the seizures provided for the Customs, staff, and informers responsible for the seizures. — Reuter.

ACT OF GRACE IN AUSTRIA

CHRISTMAS GIFT OF FREEDOM

SOCIALISTS AND NAZIS RELEASED

Vienna, To-day.

The Government have marked Christmas by releasing the latter since the murder of the Chancellor, Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss. — Reuter.

The former have been imprisoned since the February rising, the latter since the

STOP PRESS

New York, To-day.
The opening of the Christmas traffic is proving fruitful in accidents, three persons having been killed and 14 injured in a train collision at Delaware, Ohio; Three persons were killed in an aeroplane crash yesterday, at Wartburg, Tennessee; four were killed and five injured in a motorcar collision at Lincoln, Nebraska, and three were killed and five seriously injured in a hotel fire at Carlsbad, New Mexico. — Reuter.

The China Mail takes this opportunity of wishing all its readers the compliments of the season. The next issue of the China Mail will appear on Wednesday, December 26.



A flat denial of the "Fascist plot" charges of General Butler before the Congressional committee was made to Gerald P. MacGuire, bond salesman, at the recent New York probe. The fiery retired Marine Corps Commandant stated that MacGuire approached him with the proposition to raise a Fascist army to invade Washington!

PHYSICIANS IN CANTON NOW SEEK PROTECTION

Strong Competition From Foreigners

PETITION TO SOUTH-WEST POLITICAL COUNCIL

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, Saturday.

Chinese doctors practising western medicine in Canton have submitted a petition to the South-west Political Council requesting it to restrict the number of foreign doctors opening their practice here.

The primary reason is that foreign doctors in Canton are strongly competing with Chinese doctors, although the former charge high fees which are stipulated in Hong Kong currency. Wealthy people who believe in Western medicine invariably consult foreign doctors.

In the petition, the Chinese doctors point out that their foreign colleagues usually do not understand Chinese and have to speak to the patients through an interpreter. This may cause misunderstanding, to the detriment of the sick person. (Continued on page 9.)

DEATH OF FAMOUS COMMANDER

Vice-Admiral Glossop

COMMANDED SYDNEY WHEN EMDEN SUNK

London, To-day.
The death is announced of Vice-Admiral John Collings-Taswell Glossop, C.B. — Reuter.

Vice-Admiral Glossop was 63 years of age, having been born in October, 1871. He entered the Navy in 1889, and was serving as a midshipman on H.M.S. Calliope when, under the command of Admiral Kay, on the famous occasion when she steamed out of Apia harbour in the teeth of the worst hurricane on record, being the only ship then there to escape destruction. (Continued on Page 12)

LUMBER & TIMBER PRODUCTS

N.R.A. Rescinds Price Limit Order

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL, New York, To-day.
The National Recovery Administration has suspended its previous order establishing minimum prices for the lumber and timber products industry.
The change will be effective immediately. — United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

CROOKS' TRUCE XMAS GIFT TO SCOTLAND YARD

Warsaw Criminals Lack Old School Tie Tradition

KING GIVES PARTY TO POOR MEN AND WOMEN

London, To-day.

A "gentlemen's agreement" enables Scotland Yard to practically close down on Christmas Day. Crooks traditionally keep the unwritten truce, enabling the Yard to release all but 25 out of a staff of 500.

Though it is true that 300 can be on the spot within 10 minutes and though it is true also that the crooks themselves desire to celebrate, not for many years past has the yule peace of Scotland Yard been disturbed.

Conditions are not alike in Warsaw where the light-fingered are unimpaired of the old school-tie tradition and do not play the game and invariably spoil to police Christmas tree party. As a consequence 200 known burglars will this year be clapped in goal for 10 days as a precautionary measure. The police are subscribing to provide them with compensatory Christmas fare.

KING'S PARTY

Seven hundred of the poorest men and women were the guests of His Majesty at White Chapel at a Christmas tea party yesterday.

NAZIS ENTERTAIN

A message from Berlin states that the Nazis entertained 12,000 needy children from the whole of Berlin. Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, visited the children in the Moabit quarter where long tables, laden with presents, lined the streets which were flanked with Christmas trees. — Reuter.

SPY SUSPECT

Soviet Officials Arrest Japanese Officer

TALE OF SEARCH FOR CHILD

Moscow, To-day.

A message from Khabarovsk states that Soviet officials have arrested a Japanese officer and his Manchurian soldier-servant on the bank of the river Ussuri, at a point 20 miles to the south of the town of Iman.

The officer was stated to be taking photographs with a film camera, while his servant was making notes. The officer was also stated to be in possession of a map of the Sino-Soviet frontier.

He declared that he was seeking a 7-year-old boy who had fled from a Chinese hut. — Reuter.

ENGLAND TEAM FOR "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP SELECTED

The following have been selected to represent England against China in the Semi-Final round of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition, on Boxing Day on the Club ground:

- Durham (Artillery); Ash (Lincolns) and C. Pike (Police); Brooks (Police); Pardoe (Artillery); (Captain) and Parker (Police); Kiley (Navy); Stephens (Police); Higgins (Lincolns); Ridley (Lincolns) and Wearmouth (Navy); Reserves: Boyes (Kewloon); Eastman (Kewloon); McGuire (Navy); Woods (East); Lane; Robson (Lincolns); G. White (Kewloon) and Elliott (Kewloon).

MAIL SCHEDULES

The Postmaster General announces that as from 1st November the Parcel Post rates to the United Kingdom will be reduced to—

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e., 4 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Naldera (via Suez) Dec. 27

FROM JAPAN

Nankin Dec. 25
Naruto Maru Dec. 20
Toyama Maru Dec. 27
Pera Jackson Dec. 28
Corfu Dec. 28
Lishan Maru Dec. 28

FROM U.S.A.

Pera Jackson Dec. 28

FROM MANILA

Emp. of Russia Dec. 25
Pera Coolidge Dec. 28

FROM SHANGHAI

Ixion Dec. 26
Pera Jackson Dec. 28
Corfu Dec. 28

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Somali Dec. 24
Tilma (Air Mail) Dec. 27
Ginyo Maru Dec. 29
Morioka Maru Dec. 29

FROM AUSTRALIA

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

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FOR U.S.A.

FOR JAPAN

Somali Dec. 24

FOR SHANGHAI

Somali Dec. 24

FOR MANILA

General Pershing Dec. 23
Tybadak Dec. 25
Pyrrhus Dec. 28
Nankin Dec. 28

FROM INDIA

Tilawa Dec. 24
Menelaus Dec. 24

FOR AUSTRALIA

Nankin (via Brisbane) Dec. 28

FOR STRAITS

Tilawa Dec. 24
Menelaus Dec. 24

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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AIR MAIL—Imperial Airways via Singapore, Bandung-Amsterdam via Singapore, Saigon-Marseilles via Singapore. Correspondence for Europe and intermediate countries will be accepted for transmission by these Services. Rates and all particulars are available.

The Woman's Page

FOOTWEAR TAKES A ROMANTIC TURN

HOW SPLIT HEMLINES IN SKIRTS AFFECT FASHIONS IN SHOES



Any meal would be graced by this very modish gown of black crepe with a yoke and sleeves of black net, worn by Evelyn Venable, screen actress. An open design just below the shoulder is ruffled to stress softness and semi-formality.

WEDDING GUEST GOWNS

Glamorous Fabrics

London.

Sumptuous, uncrushable velvets, rich in texture... fine woollens as soft as silk, interwoven with gleaming threads of gold... exquisitely patterned metal laces and brocades... these are foremost among the materials selected for this winter's wedding guest gowns. The question of a suitable skirt length is arousing widespread controversy.

Dresses have been designed on the most dignified and formal afternoon lines, and many women have decided upon skirts that are of the average afternoon length.

It is considered by certain authoritative fashion creators, however, that the necessary elegance of silhouette can only be achieved by a more ceremonious length of skirt, and they are making ensembles with skirts that barely clear the ground.

Where the choice of colour is concerned, the popularity of black and sombre shades has proved an astonishing feature of these wedding guest gowns.

shown in the schedules exhibited at the General Post Office and Kowloon Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and handed in at the General Post Office. Unless superscribed for despatch by a special air mail service, correspondence will be forwarded by the first service available.

Paris. Evening sandals are Arabian on Moorish. Both types are most alluring, with the former cut somewhat high at the back and in exotic slipper mood well fitted to the heel, while the latter shows a series of very fine strappings, executed in contrasting mood passing toe-cap, instep and ankle fittings.

The Arabian sandal shows a green suede front with design curving into a sunset glow of gold kid surrounding the vamp in a finish. The sunray is perfectly "tuned" from toe-cap, as it spreads in an almost imperceptible line above a gold backing before it swerves round to show its reversible side of red.

Turquoise Blues. The Moorish style is strapped into a series of narrow lines in one contrasting colour on another; take turquoise blue or green on red as an example. Other materials employed are iridescent kids in pale or turquoise blues, with fine black patent or silver leather strappings distributed instep fittings in the corrective manner to button on to side fastenings. Royal blue with delicate kid strappings for a sandal conveys a scheme in vellum toned strappings instead of white, while a de-colle form in pink pleated China is strapped with pale blue kid.

This shoe covers the big toe-joint with the strapping above veering over to the opposite side on to a small mother-of-pearl button fastening.

Afternoon shoes increase in interest, since they must also connect with split hemlines. The Circassian model, with deep grey suede vamp and heel fitting surmounted by a high cuff-line of black kid, is new.

THE DIAMOND CLIP

It is said that M. Cartier's brother, Louis, can claim the honour of having first thought of and invented one of the most popular of dress novelties. This is the diamond clip. Louis was watching a woman hanging clothes up on a line, one morning. She used the ordinary method of fixing her laundry to the rope with wooden pins and this gave him an idea which he immediately put into effect. He proceeded to design what was the forerunner of the famous diamond clip.

WIDE BRACELETS

Bracelets are tremendously wide now, and half-hoop ones in plain or coloured crystal are specially intended for wearing over the glove, or even the slim-fitting sleeve of an afternoon dress.

FASHIONABLE ODDMENT

This is the age of what one might call the fashionable oddment in the dress ensemble. The flower spray, the coloured scarf, the ornamental button, belt, hat ornament are examples of such articles.

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Relabelling

Food containers may require relabelling. A very good method for this is to print the names in waterproof ink, paste the label on the jar and brush it over neatly with melted paraffin wax. The jars can then be washed without the labels peeling off.

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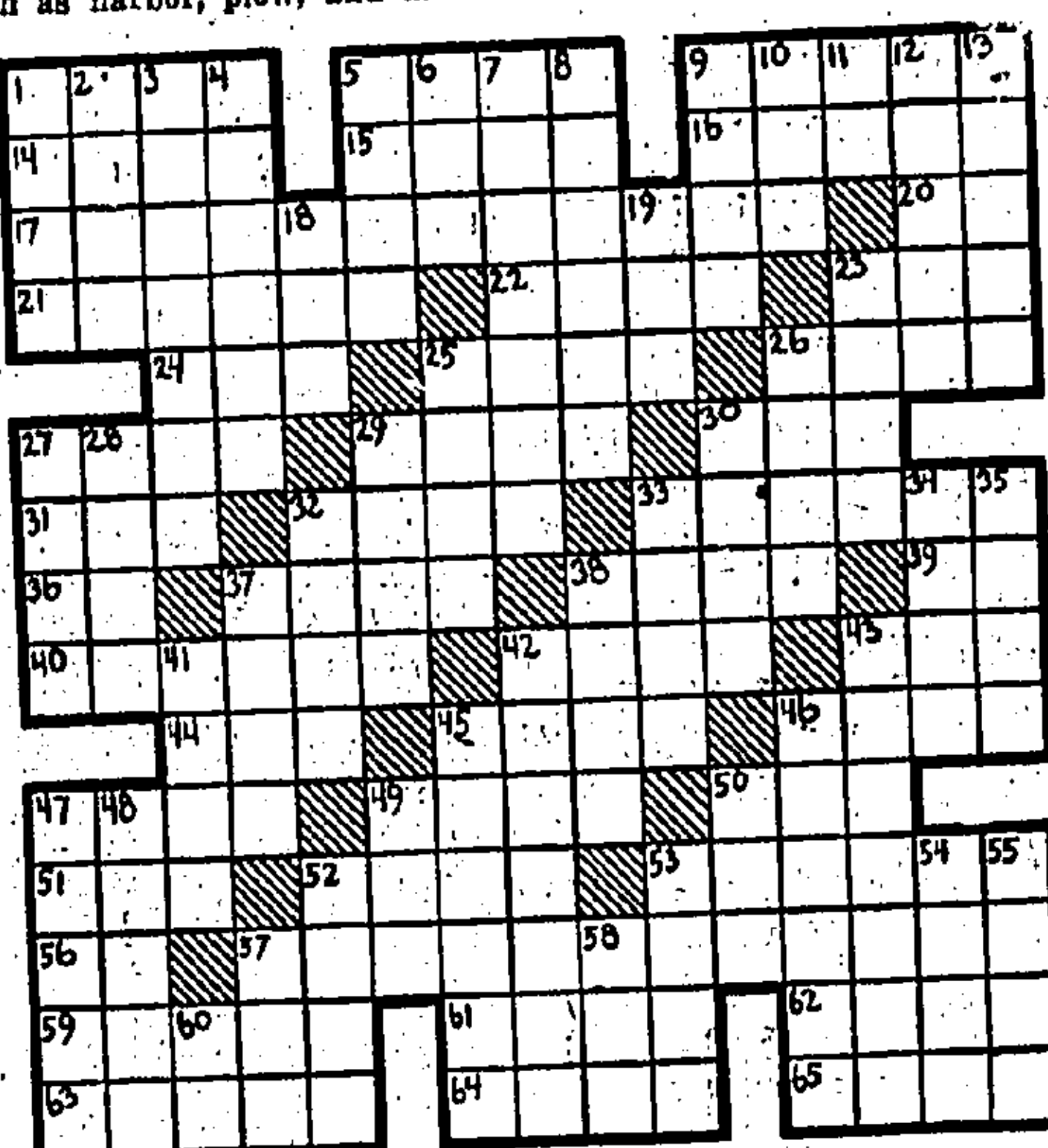
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A conjunction (pl.) | 47-Crooked | 19-Combining form. Far |
| 5-Young girl | 49-A beverage (pl.) | 23-Deplete |
| 9-Slumber | 50-Highest note in Guido's scale | 25-Large plant |
| 14-Profound | 51-Unit | 26-Small bay |
| 15-Ireland (poet.) | 52-Proceedings (abbr.) | 27-A singing voice. |
| 16-Peas collectively | 53-Begins | 28-Debate |
| 20-Tellurium (abbr.) | 54-Right (abbr.) | 29-Elongated fish (pl.) |
| 21-Saves | 57-The act of presenting | 30-Allow for temporary use |
| 22-Told a falsehood | 59-Native of Africa | 32-Barron |
| 23-Pronoun | 61-Girl's name | 33-Narrow thoroughfare |
| 24-Obtain | 62-Diminutive suffix | 34-Large lake |
| 25-To sound, as a bell | 63-Made a mistake | 35-Spoken |
| 26-A vehicle (pl.) | 64-One who foretells | 37-Canvas shelter |
| 27-Man's name | 65-Tinged | 38-Looks |
| 29-Greek goddess of discord | | 41-Prong |
| 30-Portion | | 42-Go ahead |
| 31-Undressed timber | | 43-Clearness |
| 32-Existed | | 44-Shuts |
| 33-Embankments | | 46-Roofed with slate |
| 36-Preposition | | 47-Carried |
| 37-Story | | 48-Penetrates |
| 38-Lucid | | 49-Exist |
| 39-Egyptian sun-god (pl.) | | 50-Greek letter |
| 42-To be awaiting | | 52-Gold |
| 43-One hundred two (Rom.) | | 53-Heavenly body |
| 44-Feminine suffix | | 54-Carry (colloq.) |
| 46-One of a tribe of American Indians | | 55-To cut (Scott.) |
| 48-Vehicle for runners | | 57-Traffic. Before (abbr.) |
| | | 58-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| | | 60-Country of Europe (abbr.) |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Wednesday's issue.

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Amusements Cinema Notes

"TILLIE AND GUS"—KING'S THEATRE

"Tillie and Gus," a comedy drama, featuring W. C. Fields, Allison Skipworth, Baby LeRoy, Jacqueline Wells, and Clifford Jones, is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The story concerns the parts Fields and Skipworth play in saving the fortune and the business for their beautiful niece and her husband. The old kinfint who holds the franchise for their ferry-boat business tries to steal it from the girl after the death of her father.

With only her uncle and aunt to turn to, she wires them of her predicament. Fields is a crooked gambler in Alaska and Skipworth is running a gambling cafe in Shanghai. For what they can get out of it, these two comedians take matters into their own hands. They fall in love with their grand-nephew and decide to help him. The picture was adapted from a story by Rupert Hughes.

"TREASURE ISLAND"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

The generations of people both young and old who have been thrilled by "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story of pirate adventure, will find the vivid story-book experiences of their youth created on the screen in the picture at the Queen's Theatre, with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper in co-starring roles.

Full power of the most widely-read fiction book about pirates ever written has been retained in the adaptation of it by John Lee Mahin. Scenes have been reproduced exactly as described in the book with much of Stevenson's own dialogue between the characters followed to the word.

With Beery as Long John Silver and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer, a cast has been assembled to bring each rover of the Spanish Main to the screen with living reality. Lionel Barrymore's blustering Billy Bones is one of the most entertaining characters he has ever played.

Otto Kruger is forceful as Dr. Livesey; Lewis Stone's personal knowledge of sailing, ships gives convincing background to his role of Captain Smollett; Nigel Bruce is a ruddy and typically English Squire. Trelawney touches of quaint humour are put into the characterization of Ben Gunn, marooned pirate, by Chic Sale.

Every pictorial beauty and action value in the story has been brought out by the direction of Victor Fleming, who has filmed such adventure stories as "Rendezvous" and "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

"VIVA VILLA"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A superb characterisation of the man, who was the outstanding figure in Mexico's history during the decade preceding the Great War, is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's current release, "Viva Villa!" featuring Wallace Berry Fay Wray, and Joseph Schildkraut.

The opening scenes show Beery, in the title role as Villa, witnessing his father whipped to death by the aristocrats, and this bitter memory never leaves him. He knows no law, except that all men are equal and that aristocrats must be killed. He vanquishes his enemies with his ragged army of recruits, marries every girl he fancies. You will see him as Dictator, and then his ignominious death in a butcher's shop—an act of revenge.

"MANHATTAN MELODRAMA"— MAJESTIC THEATRE

Three of Hollywood's most powerful personalities, Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and William Powell, are starred in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's current attraction, "Manhattan Melodrama," which will long be remembered as the last picture that America's Theatre Public Enemy No. 1, John Dillinger, ever saw.

The film opens spectacularly with the "General Slocum" disaster interspersed with genuine drama. It out-of which are tossed two orphan boys into Manhattan's East side, glib husbands and wives who find One is studious, while the other, themselves chained to each other "shoots" in gambling circles for life. Years later the student has become District Attorney (William Powell); the other a top-money gambler. Walter Armitage lend excellent support.



Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith (right) and his navigator, Capt. P. G. Taylor, as they appeared just before they took off for their successful flight from Australia to California, Sir Charles' second across the Pacific.

BRIDGE NOTES CARD READING

by Ely Culbertson.

A good Bridge player needs to be an excellent reader of the cards. It is often essential to secure an exact, or nearly exact, count of opponents' hands so that an end-play or squeeze may be executed.

In to-day's hand the Declarer read the cards well and secured a correct count of the opposing hands, and, aided by a slip in the defence, was able to make a very clever end-play.

North, Dealer.

North and South vulnerable.

NORTH:—

S.—A J 5 2

H.—A 9 7 6 4

D.—A 8

C.—8 2

WEST:—

S.—Q 9 7 6

H.—

D.—Q 9 3 2

C.—Q 9 7 6 3

EAST:—

S.—K 3

H.—Q J 8 5 3 2

D.—J 5 4

C.—J 10

SOUTH:—

S.—10 8 4

H.—K 10

D.—K 10 7 6

C.—A K 5 4

The final contract was three no-

trump after North had opened with

a heart and South had responded

with two notrump, without disclos-

ing his four-card club suit.

West's Opening lead was the

Club 3, an unconventional Opening

from his five-card suit. West

actually made this unconventional

Opening lead because his hand

contained no sure re-entry. East

was permitted to hold the first

trick with the Ten, but when the

Knave was returned, South won

with the Ace.

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"MICKEY MOUSE AND SILLY SYMPHONY"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Sponsored by the United Artists Corporation, the Alhambra Theatre presents another fine programme of short subjects, by the well-known cartoonist, Walt Disney.

The programme consists of "Mickey Mouse," "Silly Symphony," "The Big Bad Wolf," a sequel to the "Three Little Pigs," "Little Red Ridinghood," "Grandma," "Night Before Xmas," "Pet Store" and others.

The "Silly Symphony" cartoon

is done in technicolor.

"WHERE SINNERS MEET"—
STAR THEATRE

Diana Wynyard and Olive

Brook, the stars of "Cavalcade,"

are again together in R.K.O. Ra-

dio's romantic comedy "Where

Sinners Meet," now at the Star

Theatres.

The story, adapted from A. A.

Millie's "The Dover Road," is an

extremely subtle comedy, inter-

persed with genuine drama. It

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station (J.R.W.) on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.s.)—

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Pro-

gramme

12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather

Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Orchestra

from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

(by courtesy of the Management).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins,

Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

THREE CHRISTMAS ITEMS FROM

THE STUDIO

Dance Music

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-10 p.m.—A Talk on "The Govern-

ment's new method for refunding rates

in respect of vacant floors" by The

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

8.10-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme

7 p.m.—1 a.m.—European Programme

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions, London and New York Stock and

Commodity Quotations.

7.08-7.30 p.m.—Light Orchestra

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finch)

Maruschka (de Leur)

Cuban Serenade (Midgley)

50 Years of Song

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

"An Xmas Talk" by Bryan Lewis.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather

Report.

8.03-8.45 p.m.—A Relay from St.

John's Cathedral.

A Christmas Programme

by

Mrs. H. L. Lockhart Soprano.

Mrs. E. Snowden-Jones Contralto

Mr. Frederick Mason Organ.

1. The Holy Boy (A Carol of the

Nativity) Ireland.

2. My Soul doth magnify the Lord

Frederick Mason.

3. As Joseph was a-walking Thlman

4. Cradle Song Byrd.

5. Our Brother is born Farjeon.

6. The Holly and the Ivy

7. Blake's Cradle Song

Vaughan Williams.

8. Christmas day in the Morning

arr. Martin Shaw.

9. The Bells of Christmas

arr. Martin Shaw.

10. Nunc Dimittis Frederick Mason.

11. Adagio Pidoles

arr. Martin Shaw.

12. Chorus, Hallelujah Handel.

8.45-9 p.m.—Band Selections.

Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite

(P. E. Fletcher)

Songs of Wales

9-9.10 p.m.—A Dream of Christmas

(Albert W. Ketelby's)

9.10-9.50 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Version of Charles Dickens' well

known story "A Christmas Carol."

9.50-10 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins,

Rugby Press News, etc.

10 p.m.—1 a.m.—A Relay of the Dance

Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel

Grill Room. (by courtesy of the

management).

1 a.m.—Close Down.

NATIVE CHINESE MEDICINES

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BAER ISSUES CHALLENGE TO HAMAS & LASKY

TO BATTLE BOTH ON
SAME CARD

HAMAS ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

New York, Dec. 13.

It looked to-day as if Max Baer, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was going to have to welch on a dare or take on an awfully difficult assignment in the near future.

Maxie, in a spirit of bravado, recently said he would meet both Art Lasky and Steve Hamas, outstanding heavyweight contenders, in the same night and on the same card.

Expanding, Maxie said further he would fight 10 rounds with each. The winner of the opener, he added, could rest only five minutes before defending his championship.

Challenge Accepted

To-day, Hamas, former Penn State collegian and conqueror of Max Schmeling, Art Lasky, Lee Ramage and Tommy Loughran, accepted Maxie's challenge.

Ring experts believed that Lasky, rugged Minneapolis Mauler, would also accept. There was a great deal of amused speculation going on as to whether the double-header, however, would come off.

Some fans, although conceding such an attraction would establish a precedent, voiced their pleasure at the idea, pointing out that its novelty would undoubtedly lead to a packed house.

Challenge Ridiculed

Others, however, ridiculed Maxie's challenge as just so much more of the "hokey" which Maxie is so free in dispensing.

It was generally believed, however, that either Maxie was going to have to do some tall talking—or go through with whatever arrangements he had in mind.

Baer, heavyweight champion since last June, has not fought since that time. He is scheduled to meet Kingfish Levinaky, in a four-round no-decision bout in Chicago soon.—United Press.

LANEFORD TROPHY

Dennis Plays Consistent
Golf To Win

HIRST WINS MEDAL POOL

Playing consistent golf A. J. Dennis, with a net score of 132, was successful in being the first winner of the "Laneford Challenge Trophy," recently presented to the Kowloon Golf Club by Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd.

The competition, which was decided yesterday over 36 holes medal play on handicap, attracted an entry of 38 competitors, and ideal weather conditions prevailed.

Dennis, who played steady golf throughout the competition, held a substantial lead after the morning round with a card of 74 less 8 to give him a net card of 66. Continuing after tiffin his play deteriorated slightly and he took 41 for the outward half, but consolidated his position with a good second nine of 33 to repeat his morning round of 74 less 8 and return a second card of net 66, which proved to be a popular win.

The pool, which was run for the best medal round on handicap returned on the afternoon round, was secured by W. Hirst with a card of 80-16-64.

The following were the best returns.

A. J. Dennis	148-16=132
W. Hirst	169-32=137
R. K. Collings	153-12=140
W. Ahearn	172-32=140
E. Black	163-38=147
W. C. Simpson	181-32=149
R. Henderson	176-28=150
P. Altesbrook	169-8=151
H. H. Mundy	163-12=151
W. Groves	169-18=151

HOCKEY

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Throughout the second half the Indians again held the upper hand, but could not penetrate the staunch defence. The United, after playing on the defensive for 15 minutes in the second half, suddenly took up the offensive, when Nahl received the ball on the left wing and made a spectacular run down the field to net the United's only goal.



ATHLETIC OUTPLAY LINCOLNS

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In this almost perfect quietude, Tang Kwang-sang, was par excellence. He was very speedy, and his ball control was marvellous, and his centres were very accurate and well placed.

Lai Kwok-chiu played an excellent game too; both constructive and destructive. Sui Tin-lim was not greatly troubled, but he saved some fine shots when called upon, which was not very often. Lo Ho-cheong and Mak Sui-yin defended very well, both kicking strongly and cleanly.

Athletic Take Lead

The first goal was scored after 10 minutes Ho Kar Keung running through to net as he was tackled by Ash. The referee, however, had blown his whistle for a free kick against Ash, and Tang Kwong-sang scored with a shot had Meaken beaten all the way.

From the resumption, The Lincolns had hard luck when Sui Tin-lim just managed to tip a shot from Ridley over the bar.

After the interval the Athletic were again on the offensive, Ho Kar Keung evoking applause with several solo dribbles.

The Lincolns missed a glorious opportunity when Ridley took the ball up and passed through to the centre, but Higgins was out of position and Lo Ho Cheong got the ball away.

The Athletic went further ahead when Lai Kwok-chiu took the ball up and passed in to Ho Kar Keung, who beat Meaken with a good left foot drive.

About 10 minutes from time, the Athletic scored their third and last goal. Ho Chor-yin passed forward, and Lee Hung-chung took the ball in his stride to go right through and walk the ball into the net.

A moment later Tang Kwong-sang hit the bar with a great shot from 40 yards.

Athletic—Sui Tin-lim, Lo Ho-cheong, Mak Sui-hon, Ho Chor-yin, Lai Kwok-chiu, Ng Tak-wing, Tang Kwong-sang, Yeung Kam-po, Ho Kar-keung, Au Ping-ming and Lee Hung-ching.

Lincolns—Meaken, Ash, Edmondson, Thompson, Dudley, Robson, Mathews, Malpas, Higgins, Ridley and Baldry.

GUNNERS SWAMPED IN POOR GAME

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Dabby scored first, making no mistake with a fine pass from Howlett. Price shot wide when the Gunners were awarded a penalty against Tucker.

After 15 minutes Craig lobbed the ball into the goal-mouth for Howlett to head in the Engineers' second goal.

Superiority Maintained
The Engineers pressed in the second half, and within five minutes a corner was forced. Callard centred beautifully, and Howlett shot goalwards, Brudden deflecting the ball into the net with his head.

The Sappers added to their score when Cragh centred for Derby to beat Mackrill with a nice drive. With 10 minutes to go Howlett scored the fifth goal, receiving from Callard.

Engineers—Selli; Tucker, Slack, Denham, Lester, Peggs, Callard, Brudden, Derby, Howlett and Cragh.
Artillery—Mackrill; Price, Yokell, Worthington, Hunt, Gardner, Rivers, Brown, Thompson, Leigh and Taylor.

PENALTY MISSED AND NAVY DRAW

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East Lanes Lead
From a clever pass from Griffin, Thorpe was given possession on the right, and scored with a cross-drive to give the East Lanes the lead.

After the interval, the Navy made several good efforts, and during one of these O'Donnell made an opening for Parratt, from which the latter made no mistake.

In the last minute of the game, the Navy were awarded a penalty, and Bower sent in a low shot well away from Harmsworth, but the latter managed to reach it just in time.

Navy—McSweeney, Solomon, Smith, Gilbert, Bower, Bright, Dodds, Miles, Parratt, O'Donnell and Adams.
East Lanes—Harmsworth, Harwood, Steele, Walkden, Thompson, Eckersley, Swain, Hawley, Thorpe, Ridings and Griffin.

HOME HOLIDAY SOCCER

To-morrow

Boxing Day

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (-) v Preston (1)
BLACKBURN (3) v Portsmouth (2)
CHELSEA (1) v Aston Villa (6)
EVERTON (1) v Sunderland (0)
GRIMSBY (-) v Tottenham (-)
LEEDS (8) v Manchester C. (4)
LEICESTER (1) v Huddersfield (0)
WED'DAY (2) v Birmingham (1)
W. BROM. (5) v Stoke (1)
WOLVES (3) v Derby (0)

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) v Oldham (0)
Burnley (1) v Bolton (3)
BRADFORD (3) v Fulham (1)
BRENTFORD (3) v Plymouth (0)
BURY (2) v West Ham (1)
MANTER U. (1) v Notts (-)
NEWCASTLE (-) v Hull (-)
NORTS (-) v Norwich (-)
PORT VALE (3) v Bradford C. (1)
SWANSEA (1) v Southampton (0)

THIRD DIVISION (South)

ALDERSHOT (0) v Bristol R. (1)
Bournemouth (1) v Exeter (3)
BRISTOL C. (2) v Northampton (3)
CHARLTON (1) v Swindon (0)
COVENTRY (7) v Gillingham (1)
LUTON (1) v Brighton (2)
MILLWALL (-) v Reading (-)
NEWPORT (0) v Watford (3)
QNS P.R. (2) v Clapton (0)
TORQUAY (2) v Crystal P. (1)

THIRD DIVISION (North)

BARROW (1) v Tranmere (3)
CHESTER (1) v Stockport (1)
CREWE (2) v Southport (2)
GATESHEAD (6) v New Brighton (0)
HALIFAX (5) v Chesterfield (0)
HARTLEPOOL (1) v DONCASTER (2)
MANSFIELD (1) v Wrexham (1)
ROCHDALE (1) v DARLINGTON (1)
WALSALL (3) v Rotherham (0)
YORK (3) v Accrington (2)

FUSILIERS DROP POINTS IN LAST 10 MINUTES

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capable of converting the many openings made by the halves.

Little was seen of the Fusiliers left wing, most of the play being on the right, where Parry and Harrison proved a fast and effective combination.

Dennis had few chances to shine, being practically subdued by Smith. There is a weakness in the half-back line, Peckham being very slow.

The defence was good, and with a little more understanding, between Waukley, Keating, and Rowlands, should prove an effective stumbling block.

Oxford Clears Penalty

The game opened at a fast pace, with a raid by the East Lanes, which culminated in O'Donnell ballooning over the bar when well placed.

At the other end, Harrison secured and beating Oxford, who had run out, shot for the corner, but Ball flung himself across the goalmouth and punched out. From the resultant penalty-kick, Harrison's shot was well cleared by Oxford.

The Fusiliers rearguard, Waukley and Keating, showed good anticipation, and their tackling and clearances were sound, but as a combination they exhibited little understanding, and Rowlands had to be on the alert constantly.

The First Score

Swain and Gorman did not show up too well in the opening stages, though they settled down later to play a sterling defensive game. Their kicking appeared half-hearted, and they invariably attempted to dribble instead of effecting first-time clearances.

The Fusiliers were a vastly improved team, Parry on the right wing in particular being too fast for North and Gorman, and it was from one of his fine centres that the Fusiliers took a deserved lead, Harrison beating Oxford from close range.

Throughout the game, the East Lanes literally threw away many splendid chances of scoring by the inability of their inside forwards to control the ball and shoot with any power or direction.

Crossing over with a goal advantage, the Fusiliers attacked fiercely, and Grindley nearly increased their lead with a splendid drive.

Efforts by Parry and Harrison, the right wing formation, went wide, and from a corner kick, beautifully placed by Roberts, Parry placed the ball just outside the post from 5 yards.

On Level Terms

During this period, Swain, Smith and Gorman were given no rest, and it is to their credit that they managed to block and break-up the persistent efforts of Parry, Dennis, and Harrison.

A breakaway on the right, by Ball, ended in "hands" being given against Keating, and from the spot-kick, Gorman easily converted, placing the Lanes on level terms. "Heartened" by this success, the East Lanes completely turned the

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON V. (-) v Chelsea (0)
Birmingham (3) v WED'DAY (0)
DERBY (3) v Wolves (1)
HUDFIELD (5) v Leicester (1)
LIVERPL. (6) v Middlesbrough (2)
MANTER C. (0) v Leeds (1)
PORTSM'TH (2) v Blackburn (0)
Preston (-) v ARSENAL (-)
STOKE (4) v West Brom. (1)
SUNDERL'D (3) v Everton (2)
TOTTENH'M (-) v Grimsby (-)

SECOND DIVISION

BRADF'D C. (1) v Port Vale (2)
FULHAM (0) v Bradford (-)
Hull (-) v NEWCASTLE (-)
NORWICH (-) v Notts Forest (-)
Notts C. (0) v MANTER U. (-)
OLDHAM (2) v Blackpool (0)
Plymouth (1) v BRENTFORD (1)
SHEFF'D U. (-) v Barnsley (-)
S'AMPTON (1) v Swanssea (0)
WEST HAM (3) v Bury (1)

THIRD DIVISION (South)

BRIGHTON (1) v Luton (1)
BRISTOL R. (4) v Aldershot (1)
CLAPTON (2) v Queen's P.R. (2)
CRYSTAL P. (4) v Torquay (1)
GILLINGHAM (3) v Bournemouth (0)
LUTON (1) v Brighton (2)
MANTER U. (1) v Bristol C. (3)
READING (2) v Millwall (-)
SOUTHEND (1) v Cardiff (-)
SWINDON (1) v CHARLTON (3)
WATFORD (3) v Newport (0)

THIRD DIVISION (North)

ACCRINGTON (4) v York (1)
DARLINGTON (1) v Rochdale (1)
DONCASTER (3) v Hartlepool (0)
LINCOLN (-) v Carlisle (-)
N. BRIGHTON (3) v Gateshead (1)
ROTHERHAM (1) v Walsall (1)
SOUTHPORT (1) v Crewe (1)
STOCKPORT (4) v Chester (2)
TRANM' (4) v Barrow (1)
WREXHAM (5) v Mansfield (0)

CRAWFORD AGAIN BEATS PERRY

British Tennis Ace
Declared Stale

Sydney, Saturday.

In the Triangular International tennis tournament, between Australia, Great Britain and France, held here to-day, Jack Crawford, Australian Davis Cup captain and ex-Wimbledon champion, again defeated Fred Perry, world No. 1 ranking lawn tennis player, in straight sets, winning by 6-0, 6-4.

Perry was obviously stale and suffered his fourth defeat in three weeks.—Reuter.

Perry was sensationally defeated by Adrian Quist in the Semi-Final of the Victorian Championship, and has been twice beaten in New Zealand recently by "Pat" Hughes, the British Davis Cup player. He was previously beaten by Crawford in the Australian Championships this year.

SHANGHAI LOSE TO MEIJI UNIVERSITY

Two Late Goals Decide
Rugby Issue

Shanghai, Saturday.

Staging an irresistible comeback, the visiting Meiji University touring rugby fifteen to-day defeated the Shanghai Rugby Football Club by 19 points to 11.

The Japanese scored two goals in rapid succession five minutes from the end.—Reuter.

On Wednesday last the Japanese collegians opened their rugby tour in Shanghai by overwhelming the United States Marines by 42 points to 6, outclassing the Americans in all departments of the game.

Meiji University hold the Japanese Inter-University championship.

SPAIN LOSES DAVIS CUP PLAYER

Enrique Maier, the Spanish Davis Cup player, announces his retirement from international lawn tennis matches after his present tour of Australia, in the course of which he will compete in the Melbourne championships.

tables in the last 10 minutes. Twice O'Donnell went right through with only Rowlands to beat, and tamely shot outside from close in.

Given a third chance, O'Donnell made no mistake, running between Waukley and Keating to beat Rowlands, with a fine cross-shot. The Fusiliers appeared to have shot their bolt, and disheartened by this reserve, offered little resistance to the East Lanes in the last few minutes.

E. Lanes—Oxford; Swain, Gorman; Ball, Smith, North, Power, O'Donnell, Lawton, Horner and Taylor.
Fusiliers—Rowlands, Waukley, Keating, Grindley, Koneghan, Peckham, Parry, Harrison, Dennis, Talbot and Roberts.



TOM COBLEY WINS ST. JOHN'S CUP

Mr. Ferguson's Success
At Kwanti

MRS. PATON'S FINE DEBUT

Tom Cobley, favourite for the St. John's Cup, yesterday romped home an easy winner at the Christmas meeting of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club, which was held at Kwanti before a large gathering in glorious weather. Mr. G. P. Ferguson, the owner, who recently returned from Home, rode Tom Cobley.

Mrs. J. R. Paton, who rode her own pony, the Loafer, to a win in the Ladies' Scurry, is a newcomer to Kwanti, and displayed rare judgment against an experienced field.

Mr. A. Wall, who had a nasty spill in the cross-country event, received minor injuries.

1.—2.30 p.m. The Volunteers' Hurdle Race, 1 1/4 Miles for China Ponies approved by the Officer Commanding Machine Gun Troop, as bona fide Troop Ponies kept in Troop Stables, Catchweight 168 lbs. To be ridden by Owners.

Winner—A Cup; 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20.

Entry Fee \$5.

Mr. B. C. Field's Racing Strain 168 lbs. (Mr. Field) 1

Mr. H. J. Cowie's Widener 168 lbs. (Mr. Cowie) 2

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay's The Curlew 168 lbs. (Mr. Mackinlay) 3

Parimutuel: Win \$29.80; Places \$3.30.

2.—3.00 p.m. The Tai Po Handicap Steeplechase, 1 Mile 3 Furlongs for China Ponies.

Winner—A Cup; 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20.

Entry Fee \$5.

Mr. Wong Sui Ngai's Burgo-master 162 lbs. (Mr. Davis) 1

Miss Scott Harston's Racing Pluck 165 lbs. (Mr. Deitz) 2

Dr. I. Reidy's Banjolina 160 lbs. (Mr. Gregory) 3

Parimutuel: Win \$7.10; Places \$5.40; \$8.60.

3.—3.30 p.m. The Tally Ho Hurdle Race, 1 1/4 Miles for China Ponies, Hunters that have completed at least 5 lines this Season. Winners of stake money in an Official or Unofficial race since September 1st Barred. Catchweight 168 lbs.

Winner—A Cup; 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20.

Entry Fee \$5.

Mr. A. J. Fott's Soldier of Italy 168 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 1

Mr. R. Allen's Punch 168 lbs. (Mr. Davis) 2

Miss Scott Harston's Marine 168 lbs. (Mr. Deitz) 3

Parimutuel: Win \$8.30; Places \$5.90, \$3.30.

4.—4.00 p.m. The Ladies' Scurry, 1/4 Mile for China Ponies approved as Bona Fide Polo Ponies. Winners of Stake Money in an Official or Unofficial Race since September 1st Barred. Weight for Inches as per scale. To be ridden by ladies (no spurs allowed).

Winner—A Cup; 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20.

A Cup will be presented to the winning rider. Entry Fee \$5.

Mrs. J. R. Paton's The Loafer 161 lbs. (Mrs. Paton) 1

Mr. A. J. Stocker's Bay of Calamity 140 lbs. (Miss Beryl Fair) 2

Mr. D. J. Newbiggin's Kung (152) lbs. (Miss Scott Harston) 3

Parimutuel: Win \$7.20; Places \$6.20, \$5.40.

5.—4.30 p.m.—The St. John's Cup, Over approximately 3 miles of fair hunting country, starting and finishing on the Race Course, For China Ponies, Catchweight—168 lbs.

Winner—A Cup; 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20.

Entry Fee \$5.

Mr. G. P. Ferguson's Tom Cobley 168 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 1

Mr. G. W. W. Morris' Festival Eve 168 lbs. (Mr. Morris) 2

Mr. Odishish's The Bogle 168 lbs. (Mr. Archer) 3

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On T.T. and demand 1/3 1/4
4 months' sight 1/8 3/4
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On demand 121

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On demand 71 1/4

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On demand 144 1/4

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On T.T. and demand 112

On New York—
On demand 41 1/4
Credits 60 days' sight 43

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On demand 61 1/4

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On demand 63 1/4

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The American Federation of Labour is said to have drafted a programme which includes the restoration of federal salaries to the full pre-depression level. It is also said that October unemployment figure were 10,671,000, compared with 10,122,000 in October of last year, and that the number of those in receipt of relief had increased by 5,000,000 during the year. "The spring outlook is hardly better said one official.

"We cannot count on private industry to find productive work for the unemployed in the near future." Simultaneously Miss Frances Perkins reported that November factory employment had decreased 1.9 from October.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

RECAPITALISATION PLAN
OPPOSED

New York, Saturday.—Messrs. J. G. Harbord and David, Sarnoff, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Radio Corporation, have issued a statement to the effect that the directors and officers of the Corporation voted unanimously against any recapitalisation plan at present.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

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LITERARY NOTES

BOOKS BRIGHT AND CHEAP

Mr. M. Sadleir's Contrast With 1834

THE "SUNDAY TIMES" EXHIBITION

A comparison of 1834 book conditions with those of to-day was the subject of a speech by Mr. Michael Sadleir yesterday at the *Sunday Times* Book Exhibition, which is being in Grosvenor House, W.

Mr. Gerard Hopkins, who presided, introduced Mr. Sadleir—publisher, essayist, novelist, bibliophile, and biographer—as that very "rare thing in the modern world, a real man of letters." Mr. Sadleir, he emphasised, approached letters not only with his brains, but his emotions. In doing so Mr. Sadleir filled a position in English letters in which he had no real competitor.

Mr. Sadleir, devoting himself to the fiction of 1834 and its background, pointed out that the authors of 1834 were poorly organised. Their standard level of achievement, however, was not a great deal lower than to-day. When the author of 1834 was successful, he did just as well as the author of to-day, when there was no mystery in publishing, but only cut-throat competition.

Psychologically the novelists of 1834 were not very different from those of to-day: they were pathetic, aspiring, vain, generous and selfish. (Laughter.)

"Realistic" Novels

In 1834 the categories corresponded with those of to-day. There were novels of warfare, and there was also a tremendous vogue for the costume novels and romances which of late had been so popular.

A peculiarity of that time was the novel born of realism and of works rarely picturesque which were in praise of the philosophic and gallant criminal. Here, again, there was a similarity in the modern flood of detective novels.

Although the works of Dickens did not begin before 1836, Dickens owed a debt to 1834, for in that year the qualities and characteristics he developed so observantly were already being employed. There were not so many publishers in 1834 as now, but the critics were anonymous and influential. To-day's great critics were very rarely anonymous and never influential. Many reasons could be advanced for the change.

One was that literary criticism had become a little suspect. It was exaggerated, in his opinion, to say this was because criticism followed the advertisements. It was suspect, he thought, because of the persistent habit of signing. Anonymous criticism was tacitly accepted as editorial opinion, and to that extent carried greater weight. He did not know whether the power of criticism could be re-established—but he thought it desirable.

Finally, in regard to the public, they had in 1834 books that were clearly readable, but somewhat dull in appearance, and (because of their three volumes) expensive.

To-day, as could be seen in that Exhibition, the public was fortunate in being able to acquire books that were distinguished by brightness, clearness, convenience, cheapness, and variety.

The Art Of Biography

At the evening session Mr. Arthur Bryant delighted a large audience by an address on the art of biography.

Mr. E. V. Rieu, who presided, said that in the days of Imperial Rome it was the custom for an author to recite his works in public, and although that would be wearisome and inconvenient in these days of 100,000-words books, it was none the less an excellent thing for authors like Mr. Bryant to meet some of his public in the lecture room.

Mr. Bryant gave a fascinating description, rich in quotations, of the work of a biographer. The subject was attractive, he said, if only because the most remarkable publishing phenomenon of recent years had been the interest taken in the subject of biography.

To-day it had become one of the standard ways of earning money and notoriety, in contrast with the period in which biographies were written as a pious duty, mostly at the request of members of a family, who purchased the majority of the copies. Through the medium of minds of those close to us, our biography it was possible to show knowledge seemed to be at the end of the men who had died were not wrong end of the stick.



Illustrating the magic of the movie makeup experts. Anna Sten, Russian movie player as she appears off the screen, and as the movie fans know her. The photograph at the left was taken as she arrived in New York to make scenes in Connecticut for her next picture.

BOOKS AND WRITERS

Literary Statesmen

The statesmen have taken to the pen with a vengeance recently. First we get Mr. Winston Churchill's second volume of "Marlborough, His Life and Times". Next comes the second volume of Lord Snowden's autobiography from Ivor Nicholson and Watson, and following on, and from the same publishers, the fourth volume of Mr. Lloyd George's War Memoirs. Incidentally, there are now two other books in preparation which, in view of Mr. Lloyd George's outspoken comments on their subjects and personalities, will be of extreme interest and importance. The first is Lord Jellicoe's "The Submarine Peril", which Cassells will issue shortly; and the other is Professor Trevelyan's biography of Viscount Grey of Fallodon, which Longmans will publish.

Sir Philip Gibbs' "European Journey," published under the joint Heinemann-Gollancz imprint, is a brilliant survey of the state of Europe to-day. In the meantime readers may cogitate on this less serious problem which Sir Philip unwittingly sets in his introduction: he calls one of his companions "the novelist," and describes him thus:

He is in appearance a strange and attractive combination of Lord Robert Cecil as a young man and that great genius Groucho in his noble moods. Temperamental, excitable and nervy, he has a childlike quality of responding to every new impression. He is well known as a novelist, critic, and poet.... We joined him in Paris, and dragged him down from the society of French dukes and other aristocrats to our social level, which was strictly limited to second-class hostels and ordinary folks.

Sir Philip does not disclose the name of his companion, and I can think of only one novelist who fills the bill. Here is a photograph of my "guess"—it may help other readers of this excellent book to solve the puzzle.

One of the most travelled women in England is Miss Rachel Humphreys. She has been right round the world twice and half-way round several times. She was one of the first few women to be elected Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society. Her new book, "World Wide Wanderings," which Heath Cranton is publishing, describes her many and varied adventures encountered in strange journeys.

paper figures, but real human beings. And there was a benefit also to the study of history.

The Victorian style was in great contrast with the modern, but the great essential was to obtain material in all kinds of places and, above all, to assess its value properly.

Mr. H. de Selincourt, speaking at the morning session, lamented the modern conception of what constituted knowledge. The scientific conquest enabled us, he said, to hear something that was happening at the other end of the world, yet it did not enable us to know what was happening to ourselves or in the copies. Through the medium of minds of those close to us, our biography it was possible to show knowledge seemed to be at the end of the men who had died were not wrong end of the stick.

MOSES AND THE BULRUSHES

The King's Daughter Who Found Him

POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION BY ENGLISH WRITER

Who was that "daughter of Pharaoh," unnamed in the Bible, who took Moses from the bulrushes?

Sir Charles Marston identifies her and tells her story in his new book, "The Bible Is True" (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 7s. 6d.).

She was a relative and rival for the throne of Egypt of the man for whom "Cleopatra's Needle" is now on the Thames Embankment—was built.

Sir Charles proves that Moses was born about 1520 B.C. in Egyptian history that is in the period when the country was dominated by Princess Hatshepsut.

Her father, Thothmes I., was ruling then. He ruled a few years before the exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt, and Sir Charles explains the connection between these events.

Hatshepsut's mother was the daughter of another king of Egypt so the princess was doubly royal. Neither her father nor the two kings who followed him had that distinction.

Hated

There was a strong group who believed that Hatshepsut ought to be on the throne. Her father tried to secure direct succession for her. But while he lived she took a leading part in the government of the country.

Moses, the Bible tells, became her son. He was therefore hated by Thothmes II. and III., who had feared that the princess would prevent their reaching the throne.

The time of her death coincides with Moses' flight to Midian.

Thothmes III. was the Pharaoh of the Oppression. Cleopatra's Needle is one of his monuments.

STORY THAT MUST NOT BE MISSED

Eighteenth-Century Cameo

Another very short and most unusual piece of work which must not be missed is "Silver Collar Body"—a cameo of the days when Queen Anne, though stout and gouty, was not yet dead. It is delightful as much for the moving little story which it has to tell as for the pleasing way in which that story is recorded.

There is in existence, the writer would have us believe, a fine picture by an unknown painter: a little negro slave offering her pearls. It is known who the lady derstorn, and are told of the fine was; it is understood that the twentieth century. Is haunting, though not always in a malevolent way, the lady's descendants. What is the story behind the picture? We are taken back to 1714, in fiction well out of the ordinary, when Little Pompey is brought to England and comes to love his mistress; and is temporarily lost to the little book's attractions.

ABOUT LIFE IN RHODESIA

Fascinating Travel Book

FULL OF INFORMATION

"Rhodesian Mosaic" by Rawdon Hoare.—John Murray, 10s. 6d. A book for those who love the wide open spaces—and who is there who does not sometimes feel the call of the wild? It is well-described as a mosaic, for it is more than a travel book.

It offers to the reader considerable information on that vast territory of more than 150 thousand square miles—Southern Rhodesia. The history of Rhodesia, is the history of that very remarkable Empire-builder, Cecil Rhodes, and several chapters are devoted to his exploits.

The author spent some five years in the country, and has surrendered himself to the strangely powerful influence of Africa. His style is pleasantly discursive, and he abounds in anecdotes, both humorous and pathetic, of life on the isolated farms on the veld.

Strange And Thrilling

A life with very fair amenities of civilisation, such as electric plants, "Frigidaire" refrigerators, and so on, but nevertheless a strange and thrilling life, in a land of romance, with danger from wild beasts, from bush fires, and also from the natives, never to be disregarded. There have been so many novels about life in Rhodesia, which give, says Mr. Hoare, an entirely wrong impression. Life is not the orgy of "sundowners" and galesies we have been led to believe, but a very strenuous affair both for the planters and their women folk, often in the midst of heartbreaking disappointments.

The descriptions of scenery, including the glorious and awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, are fascinating, and the freshness and individuality of the author's impressions make the book delightful reading. It is a pity that there are no illustrations, except for a frontispiece of his homestead, "Fairview."

TWO GOOD FIRST NOVELS

"The Knights of Selaby" is a first novel to be recommended. It has a really interesting story, its portraits are admirably clear, and the writing is simple and good. Selaby is a town on the north-east coast, which is more or less run by two men, knights both of them, and each, at various times, its Mayor. They are, however, the bitterest rivals. Also neither of them is too scrupulous in business. Affairs, indeed, become so bad that the Home Office institutes an inquiry—with unexpectedly piquant results. It seems to me that Mr. Paul Williams has begun unusually well, and his portrait of Sir Richard's brother, the rough but knowledgeable Wally who so rarely opens his mouth except to put food or a cigar into it, is about as finished a piece of character-drawing as you could wish to find.

Mr. Green's "Julius-Penton," too, is well worth reading. Penton is one of those vigorous, forceful, and cunning glants of men who work solely for their own advancement. He is the headmaster of a large school in a provincial town, and most efficient at his job. But he is also, secretly, a moneylender on a large scale, and as the years pass he comes to hold half the town, as it were, under his thumb. He goes, however, too far, and cannot prevent first his own family, and then his financial victims from taking their revenge.

This is a carefully drawn portrait, and it says much for Mr. Green's skill that despicable as Penton is, you can almost find it in your heart to be sorry for him in the days of defeat.

and watches without understanding the lady's unfortunate passion for the young painter who loves an actress. We see him at Twickenham in that disastrous thunderstorm, and are told of the fine funeral accorded him, and if, at the end we are not quite certain what really did happen, that is just as it should be. For this, too, is fantasy, and its writer may be congratulated on a first essay in fiction well out of the ordinary. Mr. Rex Whistler's add considerably to the little book's attractions.

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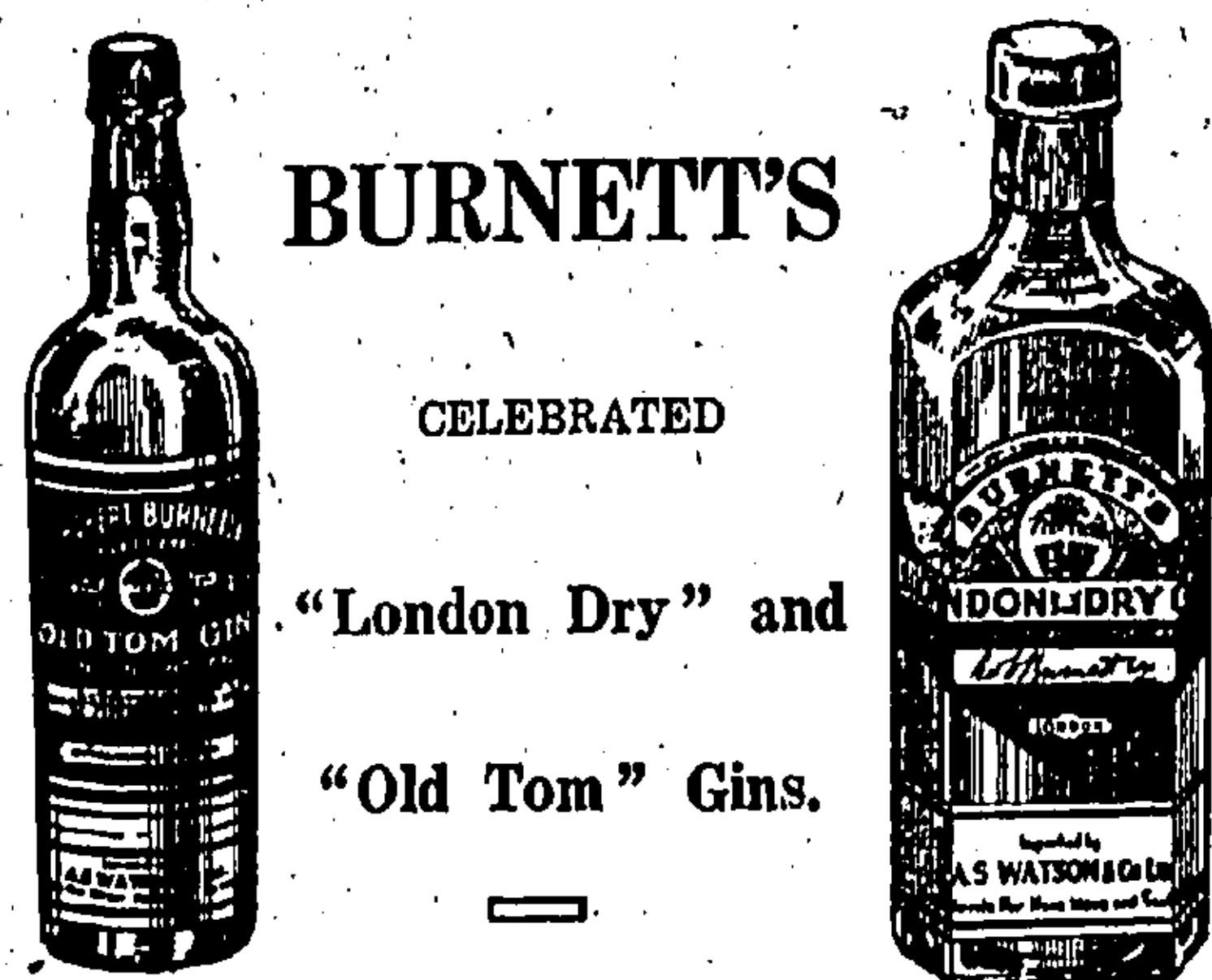
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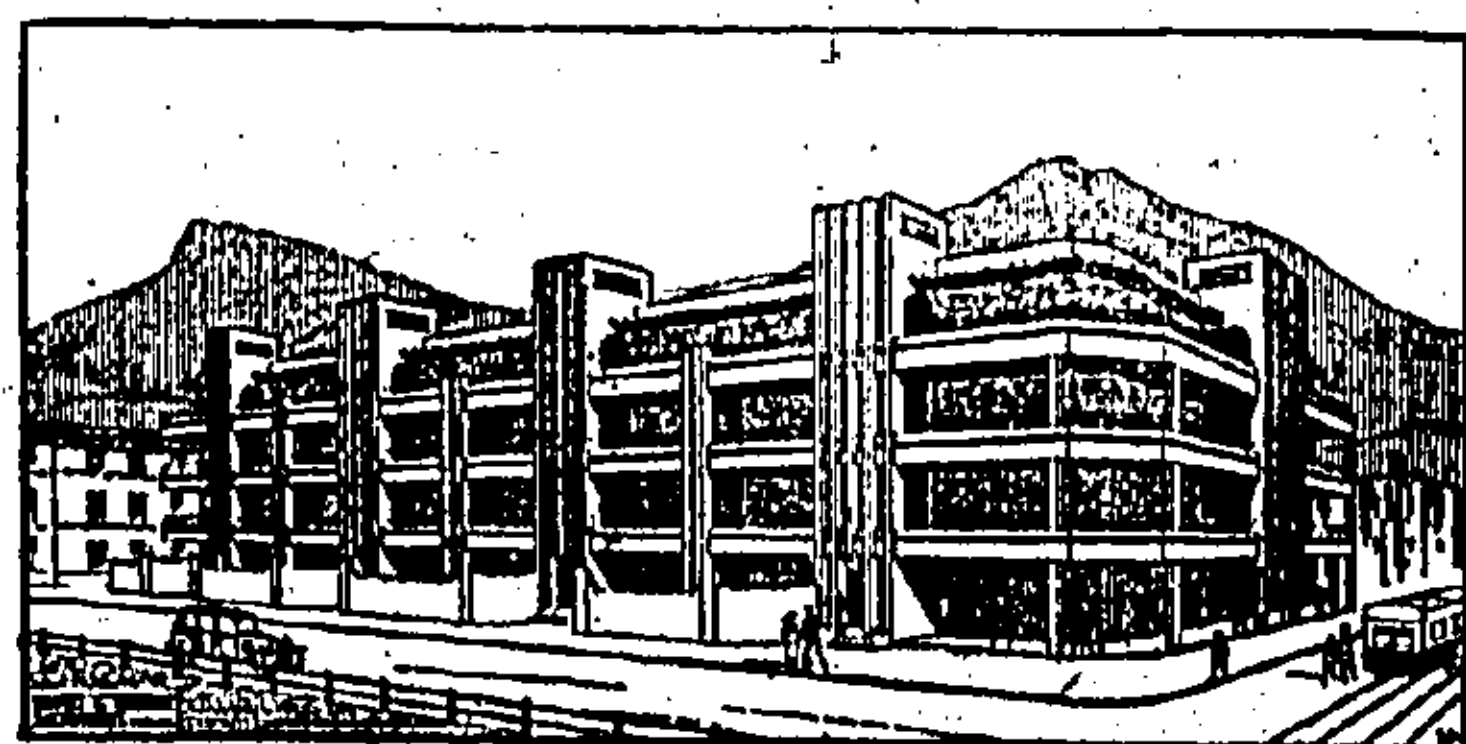
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Britain's Record On
Traffic In Arms

Sir John Simon showed his large-mindedness recently by admitting and correcting the unfortunate and mistaken impression created by his speech on the control of the traffic in and the manufacture of arms. What he said should remove all honest misapprehensions of the attitude of the British Government. They are accused of being lukewarm in their efforts at Geneva. It is utterly untrue. Equally baseless is the charge that they have done nothing effective in getting an embargo placed on the despatch of arms to the combatants in the interminable war for the Gran Chaco swamps between Bolivia and Paraguay. They were, in fact, the first to make any sort of move at all, and the first, last May, to stop all licences for the export of arms to that region. Since then they have worked unremittingly to persuade all European countries to follow their example, and they have at last succeeded. Whether this will stop the fighting and the slaughter remains to be seen. But at any rate the conduct of the British Government has been above reproach.

They are now trying to secure agreement among the Powers at Geneva to a Convention on certain specific subjects capable of separate treatment without prejudice to the larger problems of Disarmament. Sir John Simon mentioned, for example, full publicity for budgetary expenditure on armaments, Disarmament Commission and the control of the traffic in arms. No one should be over-confident of success, but till the effort has been made no one should scoff at its possibility. It is difficult to believe that there has been no advance in international public opinion since the Arms Traffic Convention of 1925. That was promptly ratified by Great Britain, but not by Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Japan, Germany and the United States. Washington has just produced a draft proposal. It can hardly fail to secure British support if it promises to secure the application of an effective embargo wherever war is threatened. Sir John Simon favours the pro-

hibition of export credits, credits for the purchase of arms from abroad, and national control on agreed lines of the manufacture of arms such as we practise by a system of licences. A Convention with clauses framed on these lines would mark a great advance.

The inquiry which the Government is to hold into the manufacture of arms is to include not only the existing system of licensing and control but also the question of whether a State monopoly would be desirable. Sir John Simon urged that it should be conducted on the right lines. What many Pacifists and Socialists obviously want is a "fishing inquiry," with a view to discovering "scandals" which they can profitably exploit. What seriously minded people would want investigating is whether a State monopoly is "practicable and desirable" from the point of view of the safety of the State. How anyone who remembers the terrible munitions shortage which stood nakedly revealed before the Great War had been in progress for a month, and also remembers the dogged obstinacy with which the Ordnance Department resisted passing over to outside firms the work they were totally unable to do themselves, can place his confidence in a State monopoly we do not understand. The private firms saved the situation at a ghastly cost in soldiers' lives. There can be no moral and ethical consideration which transcends this aspect of the problem. What would be easier, yet what could be more flagrantly immoral, than for a Socialist Government to put the State arsenal on quarter time and so, on one pretext or another, neglect even the minimum requirements of the Services. Questions of the relative cost and efficiency of a State monopoly, though of paramount importance, must be secondary to this where you have a party which when in Opposition votes "on principle" against military and naval efficiency. Has every lesson of the Great War to be learnt over again at the same appalling cost?

UNEMPLOYMENT IN
FRANCE GROWING

Great Increase

Great increases in the number of unemployed in France is reported for the week ending December 3, official statistics reveal. These show that 9,658 more persons began to draw relief, bringing the total to 884,841 which is 115,223 more than at the same time a year ago. The estimates give only one-fifth to one-fourth of the actual number of unemployed. Yet France imports numbers of foreign labourers.

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

DRINKS IN THE COMMONS

Mr. A. P. Herbert's campaign against drink facilities at the House of Commons will advance another stage shortly.

Arguments will be heard in the courts on the rule calling on Sir Rollo Graham Campbell to show cause why he should not grant summonses against the Kitchen Committee and the manager of the catering department for selling intoxicants in the House without a licence.

At the moment there is no Kitchen Committee in existence. The committee against whom the summonses were asked ceased to function at the end of the session.

A new committee will be elected. There will be several changes in the personnel, but it is understood that Sir John Gannon will be re-elected chairman.

The legal proceedings will, of course, continue to be against the members of the former committee.

DODGING THE GAMING ACT

A case at Bow County Court, London, recently was an interesting example of the methods by which bookmakers evade that provision in the Gaming Act by which any contract in relation to betting cannot be enforced.

The ingenious bookmaker undertakes to hold his hand against the debtor in return for a promise by the latter to pay the debt at a future date. When the date is reached the bookmaker can sue on this agreement for "valuable consideration."

This is a round-the-corner method, but my sympathy lies with that maligned character the bookmaker.

If he fails to pay he is virtually run out of business. The client can fall to pay and get away with it.

Your Daily Smile!

"I've about decided to get married." "Won't it increase your expenses too much?" "No; I figure it will double the life of my tires and cut my gasoline bill in two."

Damned! "It's going to be a real battle of wits, I tell you," said the sophomore member of the debating team. "How brave of you," said his room mate, "to go unarmed."

The bride of a few weeks noticed that her husband was depressed.

"Gerald, dearest," she said, "I know there is something troubling you, and I want you to tell me what it is; your worries are not your worries now, they are our worries."

"Oh, very well then," he said, "we've just had a letter from a girl in Manchester, and she's suing us for breach of promise."

Mrs. newly-rich was recounting to acquaintances the thrilling events of the night before, when the house had been burgled. "As a matter of fact," she said, "we were eating our soup."

"Then, of course," interrupted the candid friend, "none of you heard anything."

WOMAN'S HEROISM
COMMEMORATEDGrace Darling Oak
Planted In London

Sea scouts and lifeboatmen sailed up the Thames and landed on the foreshore of Battersea Park S.W. last month to plant a Grace Darling Oak tree. During the next four years similar trees will be planted in British ports throughout the world to commemorate Grace and William Darling's heroism. The oak tree sent by Sir Charles Trevellyn, Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, was planted by Commander Strong on behalf of the Merchant Navy.

Lighthousekeeper Mills, of Chatham, placed the first spadeful of earth into the hole, while carrier pigeons were released with news of the ceremony. The story of Grace Darling was recalled by Admiral Mark Kerr.

FRANCE'S MOST COVETED
LITERARY PRIZE

The Prix Goncourt for 1934, the most highly coveted French literary prize, has been awarded to Roger Verel for his book, "Capitaine Conan."

FORTUNE IN CINEMA
"CIRCUITS"
FILM INDUSTRY FIFTH
IN BRITAIN

THE "WAR" WITH AMERICA

(By A. P. Luscombe Whyte)

TEN years ago the British film industry—once the pioneer of film entertainment—was staggering round the corner of Carey-street. The war had practically killed production, and post-war dumping of American films on long-term contracts was making foreign dictatorship seem inevitable.

Yet last year on an average every man, woman and child in England visited the cinema once a fortnight, and one quarter of the films they saw were British. Forty million pounds went into the box-offices, about one quarter on the way to our studios. The British film industry has risen from zero to become the fifth in the land, with a pay-roll of 70,000.

Ten years ago our studios continued to spend money on films which few cinemas would book. The receipts and the quality shrank in unison. The financiers helped to save the industry by rationalising it. They knew that adequate distribution must precede production. They got together and erected a solid rampart of British-owned cinema "circuits" and distributing companies which would guarantee a certain market for British films. And then they built up the studios to make them—and make them well.

Two pioneers are largely responsible for Britain's position today. One was a French scientist, turned film-maker, M. Leon Gaumont, who opened a London office in 1898.

The Rise Of Gaumont's

The old Gaumont company, under A. C. Bromhead, created a dominant British film industry. For one thing it introduced the continuous programme. It showed synchronised, gramophone-disc "talkies" in London in 1922, and colour films in 1931. It supplied a large part of the American consumption.

At about the same time a certain Dr. Jupp was building up in the provinces the first cinema "circuit," a collection of comfortable, decorative houses.

The war appears to have helped Dr. Jupp's idea; it emerged later as the Provincial Cinematograph Theatres circuit, with 60 cinemas. But it nearly killed Gaumont's and other producers.

The most important year for British films was 1922, when two young bankers named Ostrer bought out M. Gaumont's share in his company and became partners with Bromhead.

As business men they knew that British films could be made to go. But they also knew that a moderately successful film must have a "circulation" of round about seven millions. They bought brains, skill and beauty for their studios. But first they concentrated on a market.

They acquired modern cinemas in London and the provinces in batches, together with renting, distributing, and producing interests. In 1927 they formed the Gaumont British Corporation, which had a capital of £2,500,000. In all G. B. purchased 22 cinemas—including the "Davis circuit," a collection of London cinemas run as a hobby by Mrs. Davis, the wife of a builder, and sold for over £500,000. Within a year they had control of 120 cinemas.

Hollywood's Fight

Gaumont British films, backed by an assured market of G.B. cinemas and aided by the new Quota Act, were a success. Profits and production efficiency grew together. An amiable circle, this time.

Then came another push from American companies, alarmed at growing British solidarity. Hollywood studios fought to maintain their monopoly by planning a ring of "super-cinemas" round Britain.

Gaumont British at once decided to entrench from the United States are behind the biggest wall of cinemas ever collected in this country. For years they had looked enviously at the P.C.T. circuit, now swollen to 120 modern cinemas. They decided to swallow it.

But they had reckoned without

Mr. John Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell had just broken into the big film business. He was a Scots lawyer, who had started with a small circuit in Scotland and become head of British International Pictures, which he raised from the brink of insolvency to a dominant position in film production. He, too, had a circuit, A.B.C. Cinemas, later to number about 150 cinemas.

He forced the price of P.C.T. up by about half a million pounds, by bidding against Gaumont British, and then dropped out.

These two companies are vast. They control between them about 500 of Britain's finest cinemas. Gaumont British alone has total assets of over £20 millions.

The two Ostrers are in complete contrast. Isidore, the president of the Gaumont British, is a pale, aesthetic-looking man, a dreamer, an unorthodox economist, and no fanatic for films as such. Mark, the second brother, is a practical business man and plays games.

The Bernstein Circuit

The circuits are not limited to those owned by producers. There are probably twenty others, ranging from five to 40 cinemas apiece, owned solely by exhibitors. The most important of these is that run by young Sidney Bernstein, who, starting with four houses in 1918, has built up a fleet of over 80 "supers."

He is building up spectacular cinemas, seating about 200 each, all over England, and he plans to bring the theatre back to the provincial town by running a West End stage show at each of 12 provincial cinemas for one week in each month.

Nowadays the small cinema owner is getting a straighter deal and a fair profit. The old renters' racket, by which he was forced to buy up unseen, and possibly "unmade" films of the company it represented for 18 months ahead, if he wanted to rent one or two good films, is dead. An Act of Parliament, limiting the period of forward booking, killed that, saving exhibitors from ruin and fans from boredom.

The bargaining which still goes on in Soho offices between renter and exhibitor would stagger a French housewife, but film rental prices are now far more stable than they were. With the coming of the talkies, exhibitors faced extinction—or the alternative of paying £1,500-£5,000 for apparatus, plus a fat percentage of takings, which often exceeded their actual receipts.

To-day the first general release of a big film may cost them about 35 per cent. of their takings. The "second run" houses, which get it some months later, pay considerably less, while at the end of the film's British life—perhaps a year—a small owner may get a copy of a £100,000 film for a tanner.

And then the agent of an East African tin shack buys it from the junk merchant a fifteen bob, all told.

The annual Christmas concert was held by the Hong Kong University Christian Union in the Great Hall last evening. Mr. Rupert Baldwin led the community singing, while the singing of Mrs. N. E. Bennett was greatly appreciated. Mr. Reginald Woolley was at the piano.



"Put my fur coat away carefully so that the moths cannot get into it."
"Certainly, mum. I'll button it up!"

REPULSE BAY CABARET

Grenadier's Band Gains Popularity

YOLA AND PAUL SUPREME

"Saturday night again proved the rendezvous of Hong Kong society, despite many counter attractions.

The dancing of YOLA & PAUL, in entirely new presentations, were received with rounds of applause and these popular artists were recalled for many encores. The public has yet to see these terpsichoreans more of their ball-room dancing creations to appreciate fully why this talented team have caused such a furore on the Continent during the past three years.

They will be appearing on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and the Management advises early reservations for the latter date owing to the possibility of bookings closing at any time.

The "Grenadier's Band" under the leadership of Ben Constantino, although new to hotel patrons, is fast becoming the most popular dance orchestra in the Colony.

As in past years, everything points to Repulse Bay being the crowded scene for Hong Kong to bid 'Adios' to the old year and say 'Good Morning' to the New One."



Charles Boyer, who plays his first important role in this film, is here seen with Loretta Young in a scene from "Caravan," the Christmas attraction at the King's Theatre.

OBITUARY

Well-Known Portuguese Passes At 65

MANY PAY LAST TRIBUTE

The funeral of the late Mr. Charles Savard Remedios, who died on Saturday evening at his residence in Humphrey's Avenue, Kowloon, took place yesterday at the Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. Fr. Rossi officiated.

Mr. Remedios, who was 65 years of age, is survived by his wife and four daughters.

The chief mourner was the son-in-law, Mr. A. da Luz, and among those present were Messrs. J. Ribeiro, F. A. V. Ribeiro, G. A. V. Ribeiro, A. Ribeiro, H. Gittins, C. P. Xavier, F. F. F. Ribeiro, C. M. C. Ribeiro, M. Remedios, D. P. J. Lopes, F. A. M. Barretto, C. A. Barretto, A. Barretto and E. V. M. R. de Souza.

Floral tributes were sent by "Fred, Dalin and Gine," Mr. and Mrs. A. M. da Luz, Miss Violet Capell, Mrs. Capell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Greys and Miss Lily Sulowsky, Ethel Lopes, Mrs. L. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Osmund, F. R. C. da Cruz and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. da Luz, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Osmund, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Ribeiro and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. V. Ribeiro, M. D. Rozario and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Xavier and family and Mrs. L. Murray, C. M. Barretto, H. F. Hegner, H. L. Stainfield, Celeste M. Botelho and Emilia M. Carvalho, F. M. da Graca, Jose A. da Luz, Martha and Jose A. da Luz, Martha and Jose Vieira off, so we went to the tea shops for our usual lunch and chat," was the explanation. It happened that the Fernando Ribeiro, Maria and Carlos Ribeiro, Esther and Carlos da Silva, Helena and Armada da Silva.

Dr. G. M. Harston

The news of the death of Dr. George Montagu Harston, M.D., D.O., for 31 years a medical practitioner in Hong Kong, on December 21 at his home, No. 16 Collette Road, Putney, London, has reached the Colony.

Dr. Harston was in his sixty-second year and leaves a widow and three daughters who were well-known in Hong Kong. He is a brother of Mr. J. Scott Harston.

The commencement of Dr. Harston's long association with the Colony was in April 1898.

JAPANESE DIET

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in the Sanyukai Party on December 12, following that party's fruitless attack on the Government.

No business will be transacted to-morrow, it being the anniversary of the death of Emperor Hirohito's father, Emperor Taisho.

The House of Peers is to open its sessions on Boxing Day, in the presence of the Emperor.

Both Houses will devote Thursday to the election of special committees, and, on Friday morning, will declare a recess until January 20—Rengo.

The Man With The Worst Job On Earth

Works 30 Minutes A Day For £3,000 A Year

THE latest victim of the 'flu which is sweeping the Near East is a man who earns £3,000 a year for working thirty minutes a day! He is the man whose duty it is to taste the food before it is served to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the dictator.

Twice a day—until 'flu laid him low—this man with the most uncomfortable job on earth has stood in the kitchen of the President's villa near Ankara, or in the kitchen of the residential-presidential train, tasting every single dish prepared for his master.

After the food is tasted it goes to a hot-plate, where it remains for

COMEDY IN CANTON

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"No, there is no trouble anywhere," the official was told through the telephone when he reached home. Relieved of anxiety, but still puzzled by the early departure of his staff, the official questioned one of his subordinates as to why the entire staff left at 11.40 a.m. when the hour for learning was 12 o'clock.

"LUNCH AND CHAT"
"Well, we heard the noon gun go off, so we went to the tea shops for our usual lunch and chat," was the explanation. It happened that the Fernando Ribeiro, Maria and Carlos Ribeiro, Esther and Carlos da Silva, Helena and Armada da Silva.

A similar happening occurred in many government offices, which were evacuated 20 minutes sooner, than usual. No actual harm was done, though the civil servants had some extra time for a chat in the tea houses for which Canton is famous.

PHYSICIANS IN CANTON NOW SEEK PROTECTION

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EUROPEAN EXAMPLE
The petition states that many countries in Europe have strict regulations against foreign medical practitioners, who are required to undergo examination or must graduate from universities of the country in which they wish to practise. The Chinese doctors further stress that China has turned out many doctors from her own medical schools to supply the need.

As a rule, people here prefer Chinese medicine, but if they desire foreign remedy they usually seek a foreign doctor or a Chinese trained abroad. Most of the foreign doctors in Canton are Germans, and a few are Americans connected mostly with missionary hospitals.

one hour before it is placed on the dictator's table.
It takes only fifteen minutes to taste the dishes, but the hour must elapse before the dictator tastes the food in case the taster should die in the interval. It is reckoned that after an hour the danger has passed.

Mustapha Kemal has many lurking foes. That is why his taster is so well paid for the nerve-racking job. He belongs to the Turkish Secret Service, and his salary is larger than that paid to many of Mustapha Kemal's diplomatic envoys to foreign Courts.

He is known in Turkey as "the man who never eats."

The pickings from the President's dishes, he says, satisfy him. Some people declare that the thought of powdered glass, powdered diamonds, and snake poison inserted into rissoles, called kebabs, and beloved of Mustapha Kemal, or sprinkled over his vegetables, destroys the taster's interest in food.

The man who waits to drop dead has no appetite!

DUTCH PLANE VICTIMS BURIED AT BAGHDAD

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EIGHT KILLED
The plane, which secured second place in the Mildenhall to Melbourne air race under the guidance of Parmentier and Moll, was piloted on its fatal trip by Beekman and Steenberg, and carried four passengers in addition to two other members of the crew. It was known as the "Flying Hotel."

The pilots were attempting a 15,000 mile flight, from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies and return, carrying Christmas mails, and expected to complete the journey in five days. The plane crashed at Rutbah Wells during a thunderstorm and all eight occupants were killed.

What Had The Turkey Done To Deserve Judgment?

The curious stories about birds

A consignment of turkeys arrived from Ireland for the Christmas market. One bird was found to have a wound in its neck. How had it happened in transit?

The question was answered when the birds were released.

With one accord they turned on the wounded member and attacked it viciously. It had to be rescued and isolated from the others.

The wound was bandaged. But even then, when it was restored to the flock, the others tried to pick the bandage off.

There is a belief among bird ex-

To-day's Short Story.

The Twisting Of The Rope

By W. B. Yeats

HANRAHAN was walking the roads one time near Kinvara at the fall of day, and he heard the sound of a fiddle from a house a little way off the roadside. He turned up the path to it, for he never had the habit of passing by any place where there was music or dancing or good company without going in.

The man of the house was standing at the door, and when Hanrahan came near he knew him and said: "A welcome before you, Hanrahan; you have been lost to us this long time." But the woman of the house came to the door and she said to her husband: "I would be as well pleased for Hanrahan not to come in to-night, for he has no good name now among the priests, or with women that mind themselves, and I wouldn't wonder from his walk if he has a drop of drink taken." But the man said, "I will never turn away Hanrahan of the poets from my door," and with that he bade him enter.

There were a good many neighbours gathered in the house, and some of them remembered Hanrahan; but some of the little lads that were in the corners had only heard of him, and they stood up to have a view of him, and one of them said: "Is not that Hanrahan that had the school, and that was brought away by them?" But his mother put her hand over his mouth and bade him be quiet, and not be saying things like that. "For Hanrahan is apt to

grow wicked," she said. "If he hears talk of that story, or if anyone goes questioning him." One or another called out then, asking him for a song, but the man of the house said it was no time to ask him for a song, before he had read himself, and he gave him whisky in a glass, and Hanrahan thanked him and wished him good health and drank it off.

The fiddler was tuning his fiddle for another dance, and the man of the house said to the young men they would all know what dancing was like when they saw Hanrahan dance, for the like of it had never been seen since he was there before. Hanrahan said he would not dance, he had better use for his feet now, travelling as he was through the five provinces of Ireland.

WEDNESDAY'S STORY

Wednesday's story will be "Chimera," by Claire D. Pollexfen.

Just as he said that there came in at the half-door Oona, the daughter of the house, having a few bits of bog deal from Connemara in her arms for the fire. She threw them on the hearth and the flame rose up, and showed her to be very comely and smiling, and two or three of the young men rose up and asked for a dance. But Hanrahan crossed the floor and brushed the others away, and said it was with him she must dance, after the long road he had travelled before he came to her. And it is likely he said some soft word in her ear, for she said nothing against it, and stood out with him, and there were little blushes in her cheeks. Then other couples stood up, but when the dance was going to begin Hanrahan chanced to look down, and he took notice of his boots that were worn and broken, and the ragged grey socks showing through them and he said angrily it was a bad floor, and the music no great things, and he sat down in the dark place beside the hearth. But if he did, the girl sat down there with him.

The dancing went on, and when that dance was over another was called for, and no one took much notice of Oona and Red Hanrahan for a while, in the corner where they were. But the mother grew to be uneasy, and she called to Oona to come and help her to set the table in the inner room. But Oona, that had never refused her before, said she would come soon, but not yet, for she was listening to whatever he was saying in her ear.

The mother grew yet more uneasy then, and she would come nearer them, and let on to be stirring the fire or sweeping the hearth, and she would listen for a minute to hear what the poet was saying to her child. And one time she heard him telling about white-handed Deirdre, and how she brought the sons of Usnach to their death; and how the blush in her cheeks was not so red as the blood of kings' sons that was shed for her, and her sorrows had never gone out of mind; and he said it was maybe the memory of her that made the cry of the plover on the bog-as-sorrowful in the ear of the poets as the keening of young men for a comrade. And there would never have been that memory of her, he said, if it was not for the poets that had put her beauty in their songs.

And the next time she did not well understand what he was saying, but as far as she could hear it had the sound of poetry, though it was not rhymed, and this is what she heard him say: "The sun and the moon are the man and the girl, they are my life and your life, they are travelling and ever travelling through the skies as if under the one hood. It was God made them for one another. He made your life and my life before the beginning of the world. He made them that they might go through the world, up and down, like the two best dancers that go on with the dance up and down the long floor of the barn, fresh and laughing, when all the rest are tired out and leaning against the wall."

The old woman went then to where her husband was playing cards, but he would take no notice of her, and then she went to a woman of the neighbours and said: "Is there no way we can get them from one another?"—and without waiting for an answer she said to some young man that were talking together.

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CHANGING LIFE OF LONDONERS

Trades New Deserting Old Haunts

CHINA TOWN VANISHING

One of the oldest characteristics of London, as of many other old European cities, is slowly dying out.

Fifty or even twenty years ago conversations such as this were commonplace:

"Mr. Blank keeps a shop in Paternoster Row."

"Oh, a bookseller is he?"

And the question was answered in the affirmative.

Craftsmen, traders, and even professional men in certain occupations tended to group in particular districts or streets.

But all that is altering, and the "water tight compartments" of London are gradually breaking down.

A few booksellers, for instance (writes a "Morning Post" representative) can still be found in Paternoster Row, but many of the great publishers have moved into the Covent Garden district, the haunt of the fruit and vegetable sellers.

One of the most famous thoroughfares to lose its occupational character is Cheapside, for centuries the street of the goldsmiths and silversmiths. Almost anything can be bought there now, and the old firms are scattered over the city and Metropolitan area.

Dockland Changes

In almost all the trades and professions it is the same. There are as many doctors in Wimpole Street now as there are in Harley Street, while Cockspur Street has no longer the monopoly of the shipping companies. Shops have invaded Berkeley Square, and good clothes do not necessarily come from Savile Row.

Even in Dockland the change is noticeable, for "Chinatown" is vanishing, and the sinister streets of fiction—and fact, a few years ago—with their cinemas and shops are uniform with the rest of London.

But in a few places the old order is holding out. Pall Mall shows no sign of losing its position as the street of clubs, while Bloomsbury and Chelsea are still, although to a less extent than formerly, London's "Bohemia."

UNEMPLOYED FUND IN ITALY

80 Lires Per Month For
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The national fund in Italy for the families of the unemployed will come into being in a few days.

According to recent unemployment statistics, it is estimated that about 500,000 workers will receive a subsidy of 80 Lires per month from the National Mutual Fund, provided they have a minimum of four children of over 14 years of age to support and that their working hour are limited to 40 per week.



King Prajadhipok, who has been absent from his Siamese throne for the most part of the past three years, spending his time receiving treatment for his ailing eyes, is having "king" trouble now. A rebellion previously cropped up in his realm, and a bloodless revolution in 1932 gave Siam a constitution for a brief period. At that time a coup by royal government troops crushed the "liberals." With the probability of losing the last of his regal privileges shorn away during his absence, Prajadhipok offered to abdicate his throne in protest.

ANNIVERSARIES IN BRITISH ARMY

"Monmouth" Regiments' 250 Years' Service

SPECIAL PARADES PLANNED

Next year 17 regiments will complete 250 years' service on the British Army roster, having been raised at the time of Monmouth's rebellion.

Some of the anniversaries will fall during the celebrations of the twenty-fifth year of the King's reign and special parades will be held.

These "Monmouth" regiments first bore the names of their colonels as Horse, Dragoons, and Foot, except in the cases of Royal designations, such as Princess Anne of Denmark's, The Queen Consort's, The Queen Dowager's, The Queen's Horse, and The Royal Fusiliers. Numbers were assigned later.

The present titles are the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, The Queen's Bays, 3rd Carabiniers, 4/7th Dragoon Guards, 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, 3rd The King's Own Hussars, 4th Queen's Own Hussars, The Royal Fusiliers, The Somerset Light Infantry, and The King's Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Devonshire, Suffolk, West and East Yorkshire Regiments.

Many had previous service as independent companies and troops, while some had descent from the ancient Militia.

These regiments were recruited at the Monmouth period mostly in London, Berkshire, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex, Derbyshire, Devon, Somerset, Nottinghamshire, Dorset, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and East Anglia, and some of the regiments still draw their men from those counties.

\$400,000 CAMPAIGN IN CHUNGKING

Compulsory Contribution From Wealthy

A financial campaign for \$400,000 to buy food and clothing for the thousands of refugees in the areas devastated by Communists, has been launched in Chungking.

If wealthy people do not give anything towards the fund, the authorities will take steps to compel their contribution of some fixed sum.

Mrs. Liu Hsiang, wife of the commander of the anti-Red army in Szechuen, who has given \$1,000 to the fund, has organized a group of some hundreds of people composed of social leaders, including the wives of prominent generals, to push the drive for contributions.

NATIONALISATION IN FRANCE

Socialist Proposals Spurned

WHEAT AND WINE MEASURES

French Government projects for readjustment measures on wheat and wine have been favourably commented on by the Chamber's Finance Committee, after the latter rejected the Socialists' proposals tending toward the institution of national wheat and wine offices.

Certain reservations were, however, made by the Committee concerning financing the programme. Thus an understanding has been realised on the Government bills which, it was feared for a while, might have led to difficulties for the Government.

Agreement was also easily reached in the Chamber's Agriculture Committee which likewise rejected the Socialist plan for nationalisation and resolved that a professional institution ensuring an equitable distribution of charges and profits of producers would be made efficacious for the purpose.

It is to be noted that from the Socialists of France (Neo-Socialists) up to the Right Wing, all the Deputies approve the system of a necessary transition from the regime of minimum prices to that of a controlled freedom of commerce.

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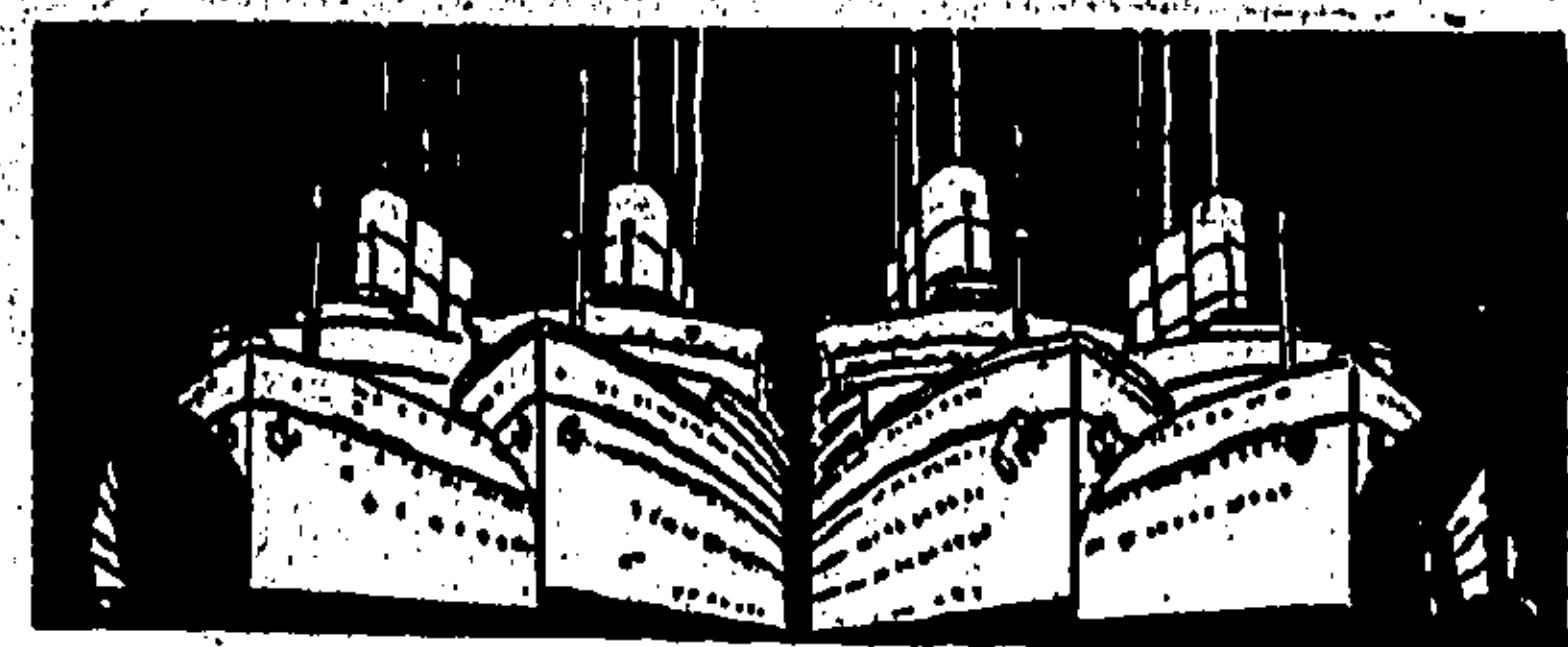
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The Twisting of The Rope

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"What good are you when you cannot make the best girl in the house come out and dance with you? And go now the whole of you," she said, "and see can you bring her away from the post's talk." But Oona would not listen to any of them, but only moved her hand as if to send them away. Then they called to Hanrahan and said he had best dance with the girl himself, or let her dance with one of them. When Hanrahan heard what they were saying he said: "That is so, I will dance with her; there is no man in the house must dance with her but myself."

He stood up with her then, and led her out by the hand, and some of the young men were vexed, and some began mocking at his ragged coat and his broken boots. But he took no notice, and Oona took no notice, but they looked at one another as if all the world belonged to themselves alone. But another couple that had been sitting together like lovers stood out on the floor at the same time, holding one another's hands and moving their feet to keep time with the music. But Hanrahan turned his back on them as if angry, and in place of dancing he began to sing, and as he sang he held her hand, and his voice grew louder, and the mocking of the young man stopped, and the fiddle stopped, and there was nothing heard but his voice that had in it the sound of the wind. And what he sang was a song he had heard or had made one time in his wanderings on Slieve Echtge, and the words of it as they can be put into English were like this:

Oh, Death's old bony finger
Will never find us there
In the high hollow townland
Where Love's to give and to spare;
Where boughs have fruit and
hlossom
At all times of the year;
Where rivers are running over
With red beer and brown beer.
An old man plays the bagpipes
In a gold and silver wood;
Queens, their eyes blue like the
ice,
Are dancing in a crowd.

And while he was singing it Oona moved nearer to him, and the colour had gone from her cheek, and her eyes were not blue now, but grey with the tears that were in them; and anyone that saw her would have thought she was ready to follow him there and then from the west to the east of the world.

But one of the young men called out: "Where is that country he is singing about? Mind yourself, Oona, it is a long way off, you might be a long time on the road before you reach it." And another said: "It is not to the Country of the Young you will be going if you go with him, but to Mayo of the bogs." Oona looked at him then as if she would question him, but he raised her head in his hand, and called out between singing and shouting: "It is very near us that country is, it is on every side; it may be on the bare hill behind it, or it may be in the heart of the wood."

And he said out very loud and clear: "In the heart of the wood; oh, death will never find us in the heart of the wood." And will you come with me there, Oona," he said. But while he was saying this the two old women had gone outside the door, and Oona's mother was crying, and she said: "He has put an enchantment on Oona. Can we not get the men to put him out of the house?"

"That is a thing you cannot do," said the other woman, "for he is a poet of the Gael, and you know well if you would put a poet of the Gael out of the house he would put a curse on you that would wither the corn in the fields and dry up the milk of the cows, if it had to hang in the air seven years."

"God help us," said the mother, "and why did I ever let him into the house at all, and the wild name he has!"

"It would have been no harm at all to have kept him outside, but there would great harm come upon you if you put him out by force. But listen to the plan I have to get him out of the house by his own doing, without anyone putting him from it at all."

or sun or stars or shadows of evening, or any earthly thing." "Hanrahan," said the mother then, striking him on the shoulder, "will you give me a hand here for a minute?" "Do that, Hanrahan," said the woman of the neighbours, "and help us to make this hay into a rope, for you are ready with your hands, and a blast of wind has loosened the thatch on the haystack."

"I will do that for you," said he, and he took the little stick in his hands, and the mother giving out the hay, and he twisting it, but he was hurrying to have done with it, and to be free again.

The women went on talking and giving out the hay, and encouraging him, and saying what a good twister of a rope he was, better than their own neighbours or than any one they had ever seen. And Hanrahan saw that Oona was watching him, and he began to twist very quick and with his head high, and to boast of the readiness of his hands, and the learning he had in his head, and the strength in his arms. And as he was boasting he went backward, twisting the rope always till he came to the door that was open behind him, and without thinking he passed the threshold and was out on the road. And no sooner was he there than the mother made a sudden rush, and threw out the rope after him, and she shut the door and the half-door and put a bolt upon them.

She was well pleased when she had done that, and laughed out loud, and the neighbours laughed and praised her. But they heard him beating at the door, and saying words of cursing outside it, and the mother had but time to stop Oona that had her hand upon the bolt to open it. She made a sign to the fiddler then, and he began a reel, and one of the young men asked no leave, but caught hold of Oona and brought her into the thick of the dance. And when it was over and the fiddle had stopped, there was no sound at all of anything outside, but the road was as quiet as before.

As to Hanrahan, where he knew he was shut out and that there was neither shelter nor drink nor a girl's ear for him that night, the anger and the courage went out of him, and he went on to where the waves were beating on the strand.

He sat down on a big stone, and he began swinging his right arm and singing slowly to himself, the way he did always to hearten himself when every other thing failed him. And whether it was that time or another time he made the song that is called to this day "The Twisting of the Rope," and that begins, "What was the dead cat that put me in this place?" is not known.

But after he had been singing a while mist and shadows seemed to gather about him, sometimes coming out of the sea, and sometimes moving upon it. It seemed to him that one of the shadows was the queen-woman he had seen in her sleep at Slieve Echtge; not in her sleep now, but mocking, and calling out to them that were behind her. "He was weak, he was weak, he had no courage." And he felt the strands of the rope in his hand yet, and went on twisting it, but it seemed to him as he twisted that it had all the sorrows of the world in it. And then it seemed to him as if the

Bridge Notes

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Figuring, on the basis of the information disclosed, that West had only four clubs, South now decided to play the hand upon the basis of a normal break in the heart suit. He led the King from his own hand and West discarded a diamond.

South now knew that West had not led his fourth-best club. Inasmuch as he had no hearts he must have had a five-card suit originally and this apparently was clubs. With this count on the West hand, South was compelled to change his plans.

He led the eight of spades, West covered with the nine, and Dummy's Knave was taken by East's King. Had East, at this point, returned another spade, South could not have fulfilled his contract. East, however, not realising the difficulties he was creating for his partner, led the Queen of hearts. West was again forced to discard, dropping a club, and the Ace in Dummy won the trick. The Declarer now laid down the Ace of diamonds in Dummy and returned Dummy's last diamond, playing the King from his own hand.

He then led a small diamond, which West was forced to win with the Queen, and West returned a club, which South won with the King. South now cashed his established diamond and then returned another club, again forcing West into the lead, and West, who held only the Queen-seven of spades, was compelled to concede the remaining tricks.

Even after his partner's failure to return a spade to the fifth trick, West could have defeated the contract by playing the Queen of diamonds under South's King. This would have permitted East to gain the lead on the third round of diamonds with his Knave, and West would not then have been caught in the end-play.

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rope had changed in his dream into a great water-worm that came out of the sea, and that twisted itself about him, and held him closer and closer, and grew from the big to bigger till the whole of the earth and skies were wound up in it, and the stars themselves were but the shining of the ridges of its skin. And then he got free of it, and went on, shaking and unsteady, along the edge of the strand, and the grey shapes were flying here and there around him. And this is what they were saying: "It is a pity for him that he refuses the call of the daughters of the Sidhe, for he will find no comfort in the love of the women of the earth to the end of life and time, and the cold of the grave is in his heart for ever. It is death he has chosen; let him die, let him die, let him die."

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BUSINESS PROBE IN AMERICA COMMUNICATIONS' ACTION

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Tele-
graphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Re-
ceived December 24, 9.55 a.m.)

Washington, Yesterday.
The Federal Board of Communi-
cations has ordered 11 high officers
of communications companies to
appear at a hearing on January 21
to show cause why they should be
allowed to continue as officers or
directors of more than one com-
pany.

This affects Sosthenes Behn,
telephone companies' director,
Walter Gifford, telegraph and tele-
phone companies' director, David
Sarnoff, vice-president of the Ra-
dio Corporation of America, and
Newcomb Carlton, president of
the Western Union Telegraph Com-
pany.

DEATH OF FAMOUS COMMANDER

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Ten years later he was again in
Asia, serving as a Lieutenant of
H.M.S. Royalist during the Samoan
troubles. He was on active service
throughout the Great War and was
in command of H.M.A.S. Sydney
when she destroyed the German
raider Emden at Cocos Island. He
was placed on the retired list in
1921 and created Vice-Admiral in
1928.

DEATH

HARSTON.—Passed away peace-
fully on 21st December, 1934,
at 16 Colindale Road, Putney,
London, Dr. George Montagu
Harston, M.D. Lond., D.O. Oxon.,
late of Hong Kong, in his 62nd
year. (By Cable).

IRREGULAR TREND ON WALL STREET

Radio Corporation
Activity

WHEAT'S UPWARD TENDENCY

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

New York, to-day.
The New York market is irregu-
lar, but is featured by activity in
Radio Corporation trading, in
which 10 per cent. of the
volume of shares dealt in
show an upward tendency, due to the
announcement that the Corporation
was opposed to recapitalisation at
present, thereby eliminating the
fear of possible dilution of common
stock through payment of arrears on
the preferred, which therefore de-
clined, but rallied later.

Bonds were irregular, but fea-
tured an improvement in utilities.
The curb market was irregular.
Wheat had an upward tendency, due
to the strength of corn, due in turn
to the forecast of snow and cold in
the corn belt.—United Press, per S.
E. Levy and Company.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN AMERICA

Administration More
Conciliatory

PUTTING THE BRAKE ON INFLATION

No material developments are to
be seen in the situation since last
week states a special Washington
cable to Messrs. S. E. Levy and
Company. The huge sums that
have been expended through pub-
lic agencies without results are
bringing the realisation of the ne-
cessity of re-habilitating private
industry.

All indications point to the fact
that the Administration is adopt-
ing a more conciliatory attitude

AMERICA'S EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE

Aggressive Measures
Urged To Restore
Foreign Trade

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

New York, To-day.
The United States Chamber of
Commerce announces that exports
from January to October increased
considerably more than double
those of the corresponding months
of last year, including exports to
the United Kingdom, which increas-
ed 37 per cent., while those of
South Africa increased 85 per cent.,
New Zealand 117 per cent., Russia
52 per cent., and Japan 50 per cent.
Roper's Annual Report urges
aggressive measures to restore the
United States' foreign trade and
believes the best methods involve a
reduction of tariffs and the relaxa-
tion or abolition other restric-
tions by means of mutual agree-
ments.

Exports to Asia gained 53 per
cent., Europe 38 per cent., and the
remainder of the world 46 per cent.
It also states that the index of
commodity prices gained 15 per
cent. over last year.

DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR

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Reserve system, which was a move
towards political control of bank
credit, which some experts contend
would enable the Government to
raise prices, cheapen the dollar, and
lighten the debt load.

Present inflation amounts to
\$2,000,000,000, a figure which they
maintain President Roosevelt will
be unable to raise by means of
taxation.—United Press per S. E.
Levy and Company.

towards business and will intro-
duce regulative measures of a
more moderate type.
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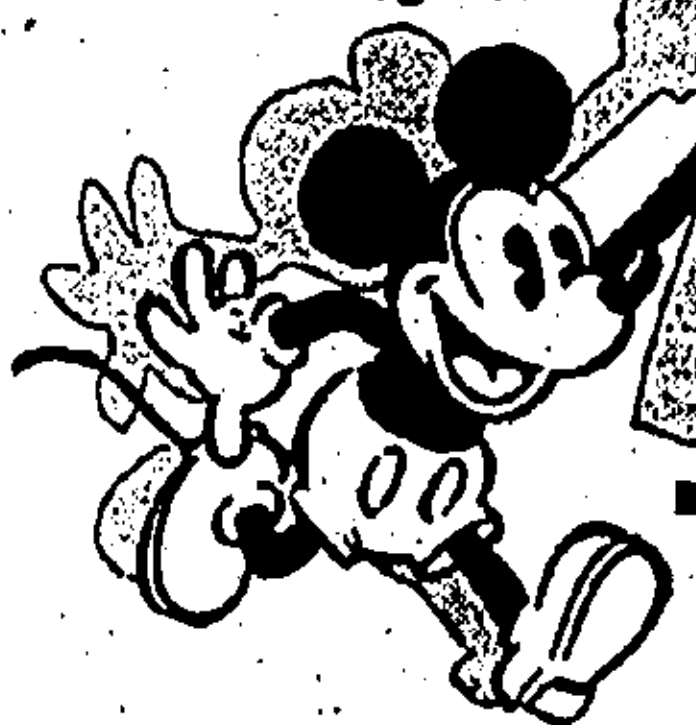
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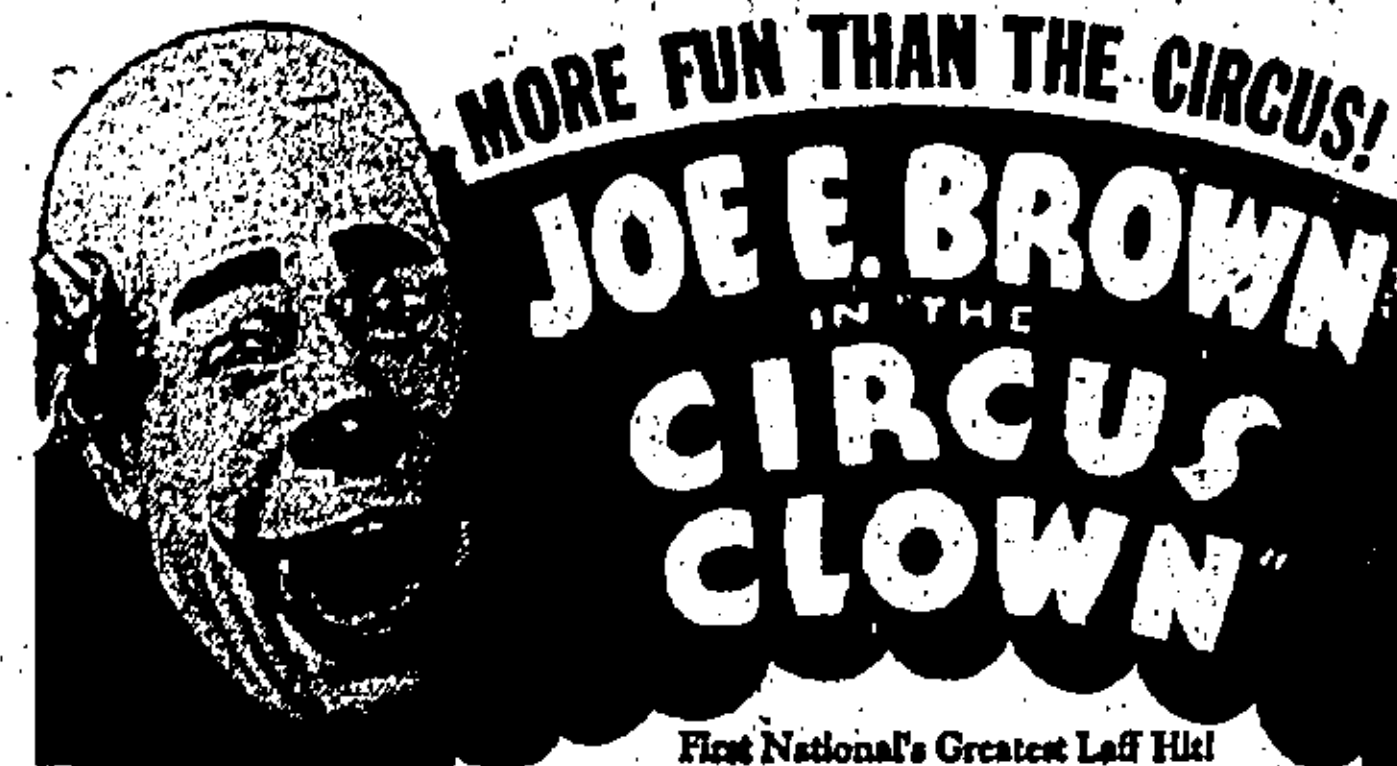
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etc. etc.

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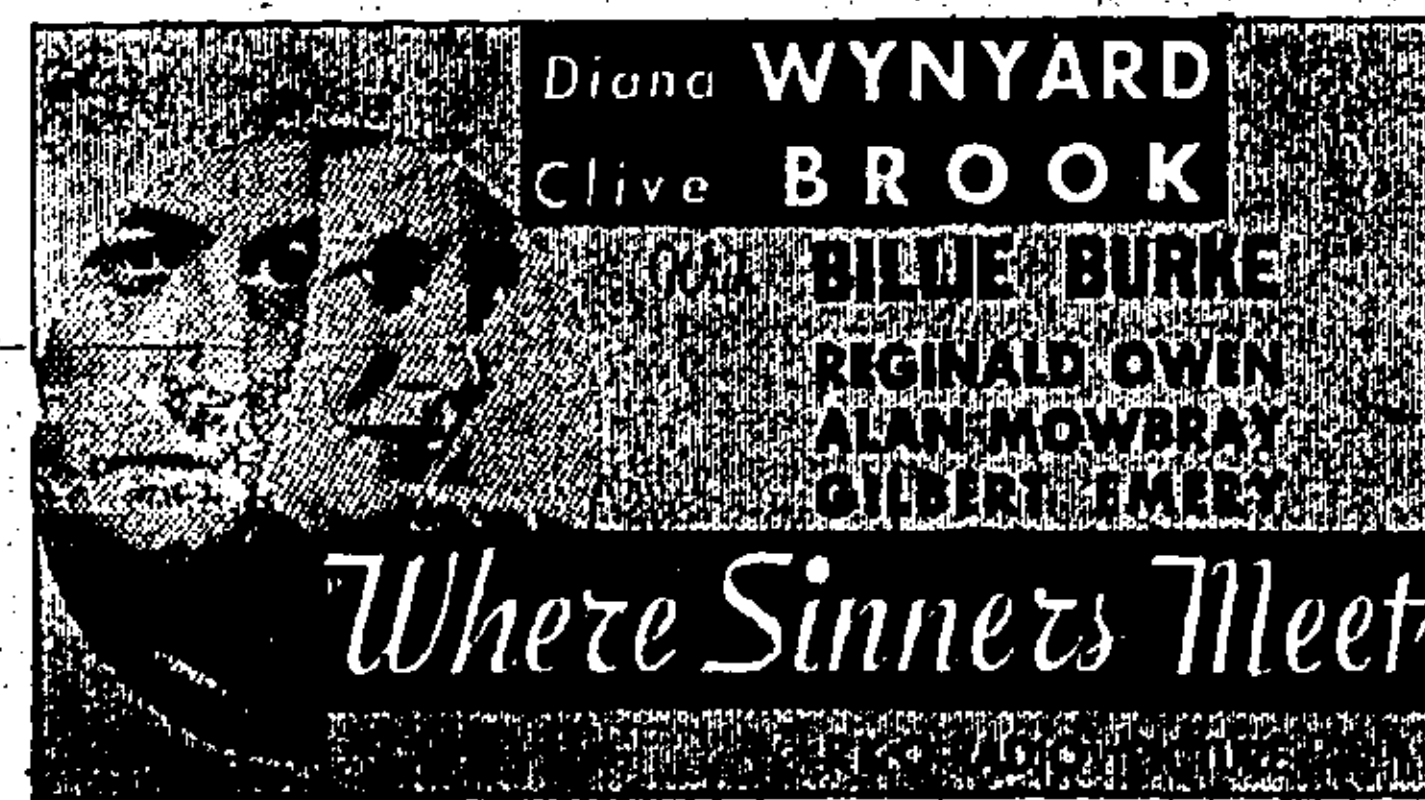


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